CHAPTER 8: THE LAST EXAMINATION

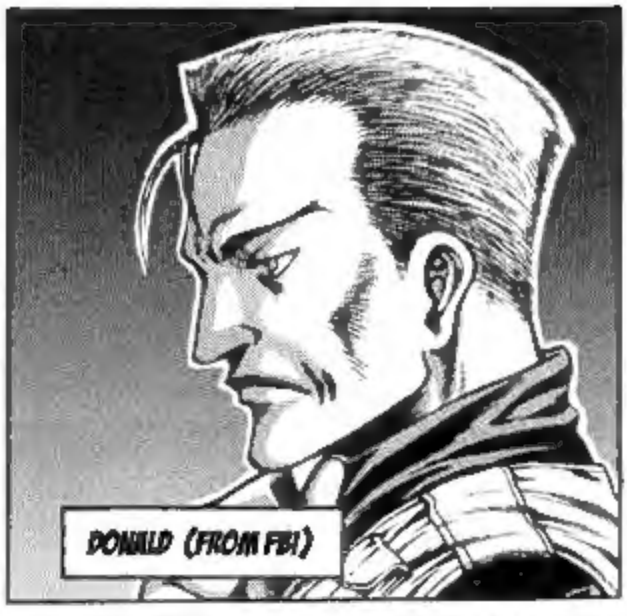
TRANS: ALMAEL
SCANS: ZILLAH
EDITS: STARPIMP

THE CANDIDATES WERE GATHERED IN GROUPS OF SIX INTO ROOMS WITHOUT ANY INFORMATION.

THE LAST EXAMINATION HAS BEGUN.

ONLY THE ONES WHO SURVIVE WILL RECEIVE THE OFFICIAL TITLE OF "ZOMBIE HUNTER".

IVANOV (RUSSIAN WITH SUPERNATURAL POWER)

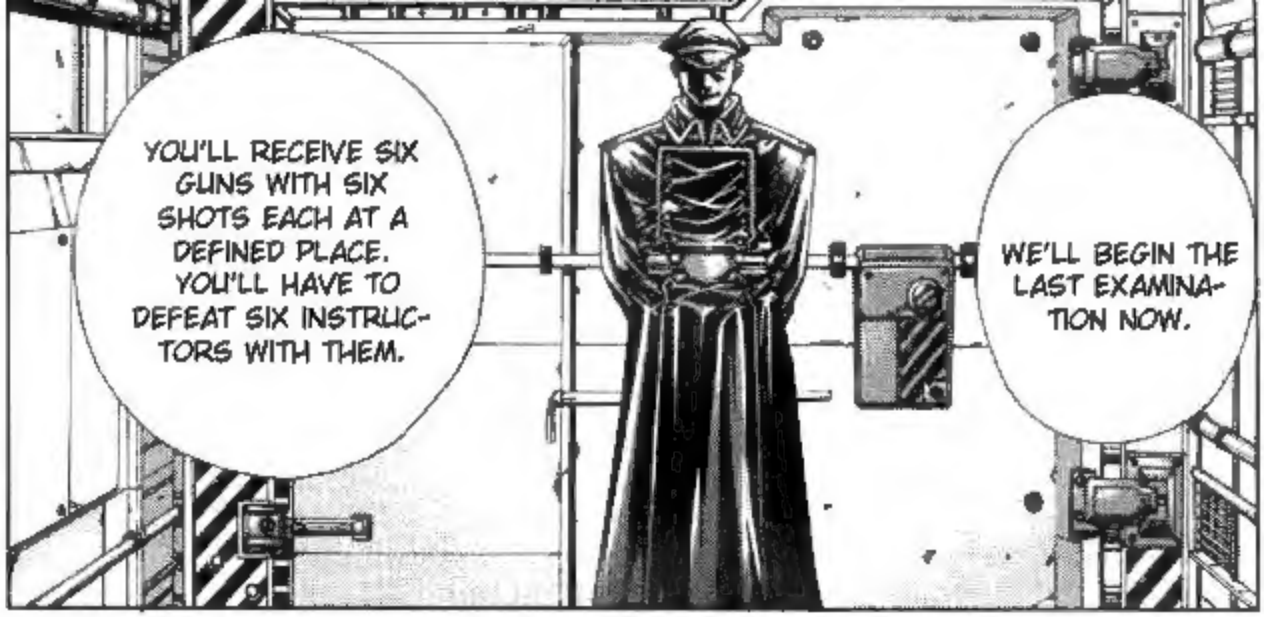

DONALD (FROM FBI)

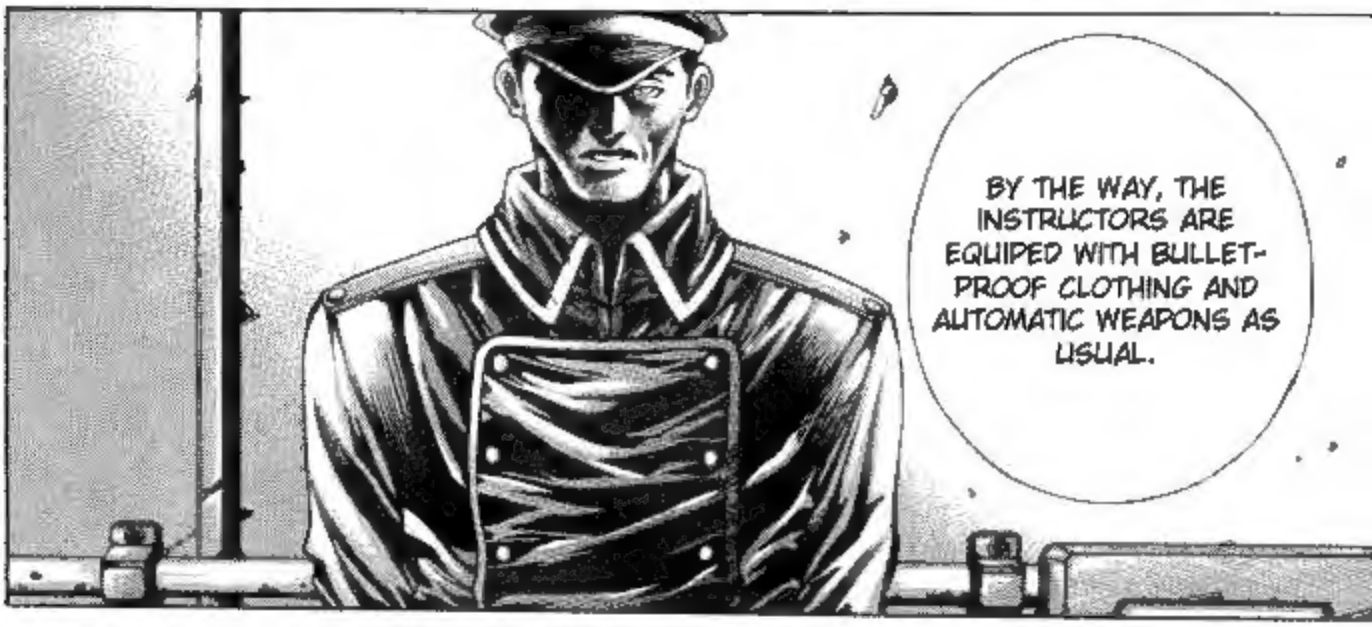
MENENDES (MAD MURDERER FROM MEXICO)

JAKOMO (FROM THE MAFIA)

TOSHIO TANAKA (FORMER GRAND PRIX PILOT)

SEKIRYUH KIN (FORMER AGENT OF THE CHINESE MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY)


YOU'LL RECEIVE SIX GUNS WITH SIX SHOTS EACH AT A DEFINED PLACE. YOU'LL HAVE TO DEFEAT SIX INSTRUCTORS WITH THEM.
WE'LL BEGIN THE LAST EXAMINATION NOW.


BY THE WAY, THE INSTRUCTORS ARE EQUIPED WITH BULLET-PROOF CLOTHING AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AS USUAL.

THAT MEANS THEY ARE GOING TO SLAUGHTER US!

THAT'S TOO MUCH! I'M QUITTING!

FORGET IT! WE WANT MACHINE-GUNS!

WE DON'T WANT TO BE CHASED TO DEATH TO AMUSE YOU INSTRUCTORS!

ME TOO. NO INTEREST IN SUICIDE!

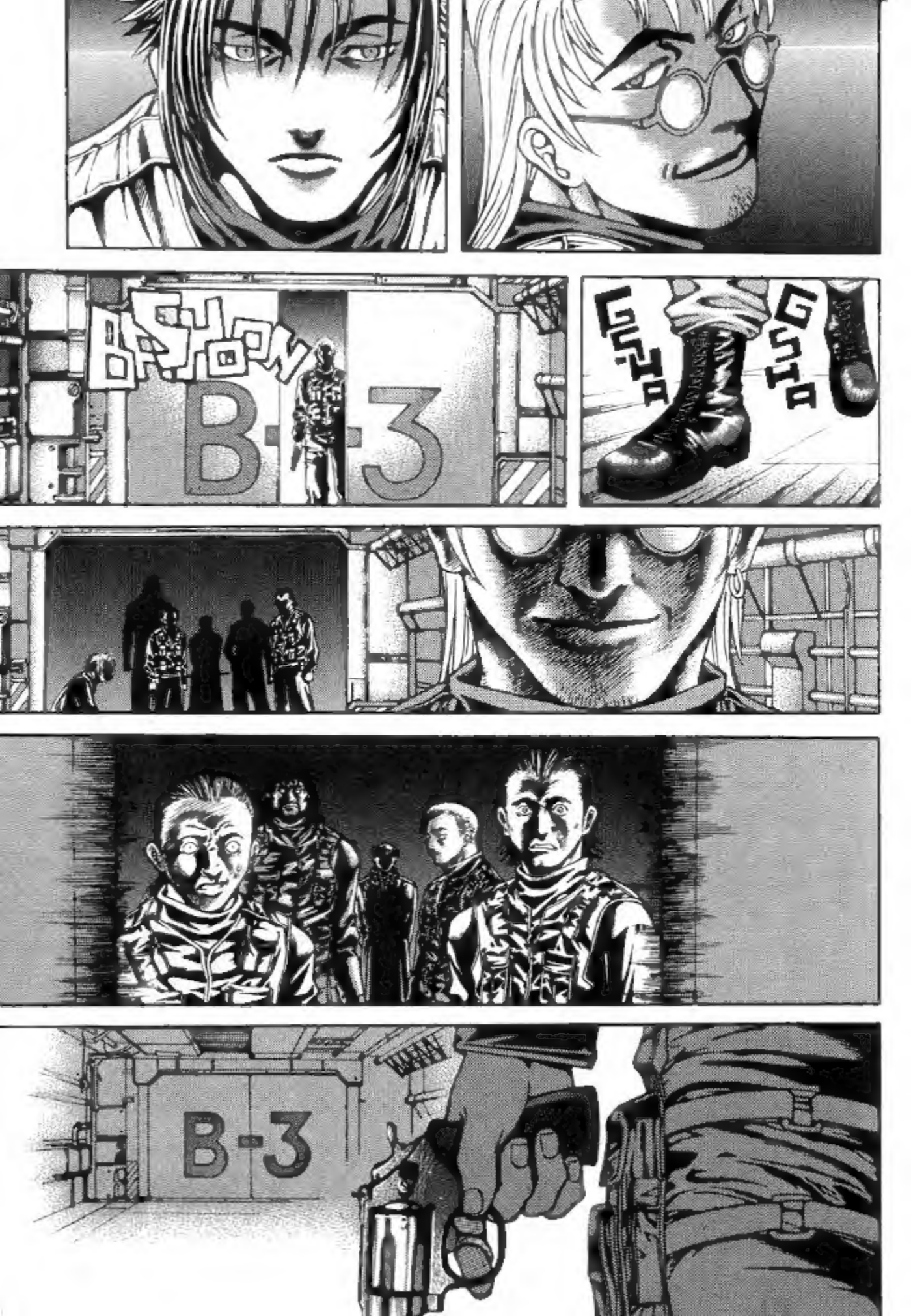
?

NOTHING TO FEAR. THE SHELLS OF THEIR AUTOMATIC WEAPONS ARE ONLY WAX.
WHOEVER COMES BACK ALIVE AND PASSED THE EXAM, QUALIFIES TO BE A ZOMBIE HUNTER AND GETS A MILLION DOLLARS!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO!
DUH... THAT WAS A BAD JOKE.
WELL, DID IT AWAKEN YOUR INTEREST A LITTLE BIT NOW?

BUT WILL IT BE SO EASY FOR US TO OVER-COME...?

WHAT...?!

WELL, IT'S MY TURN...!
SEKIRYUH RIN!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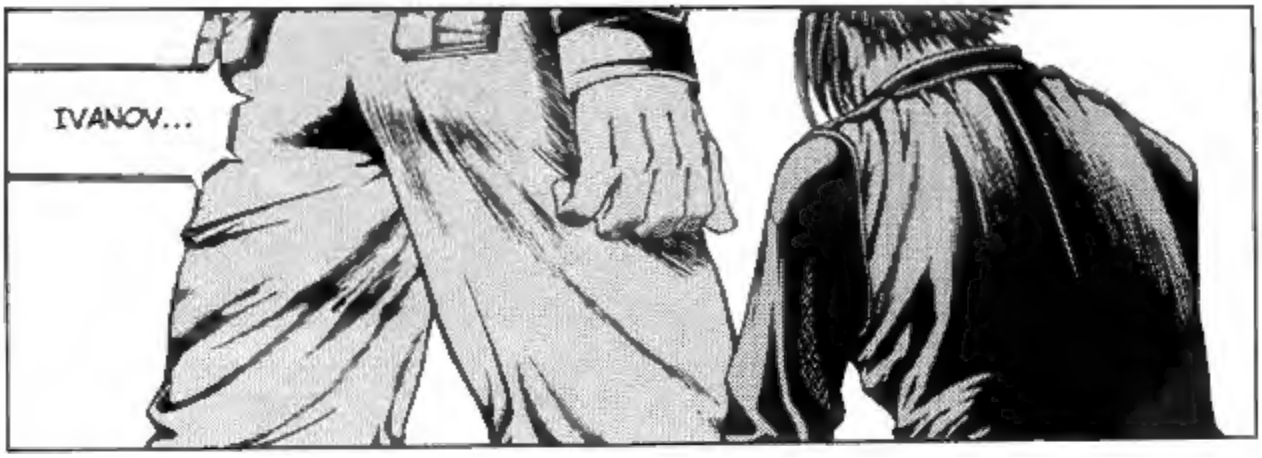
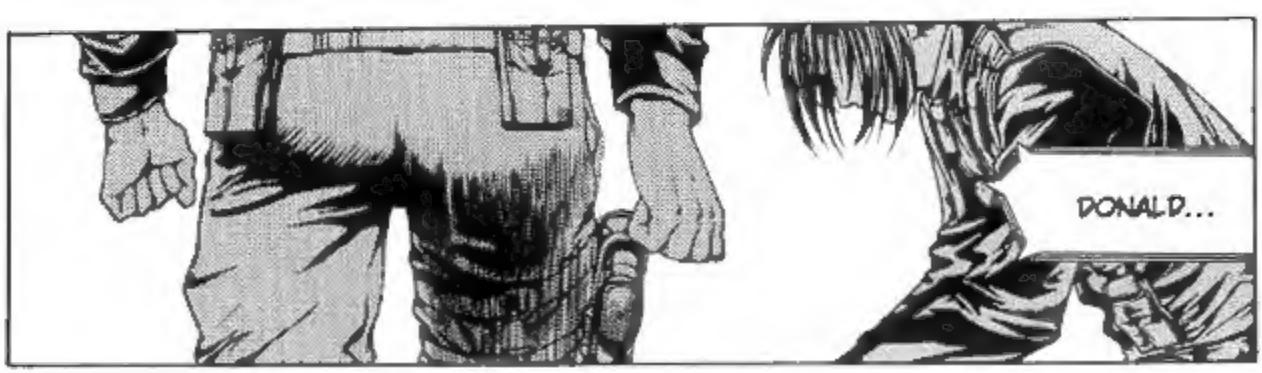
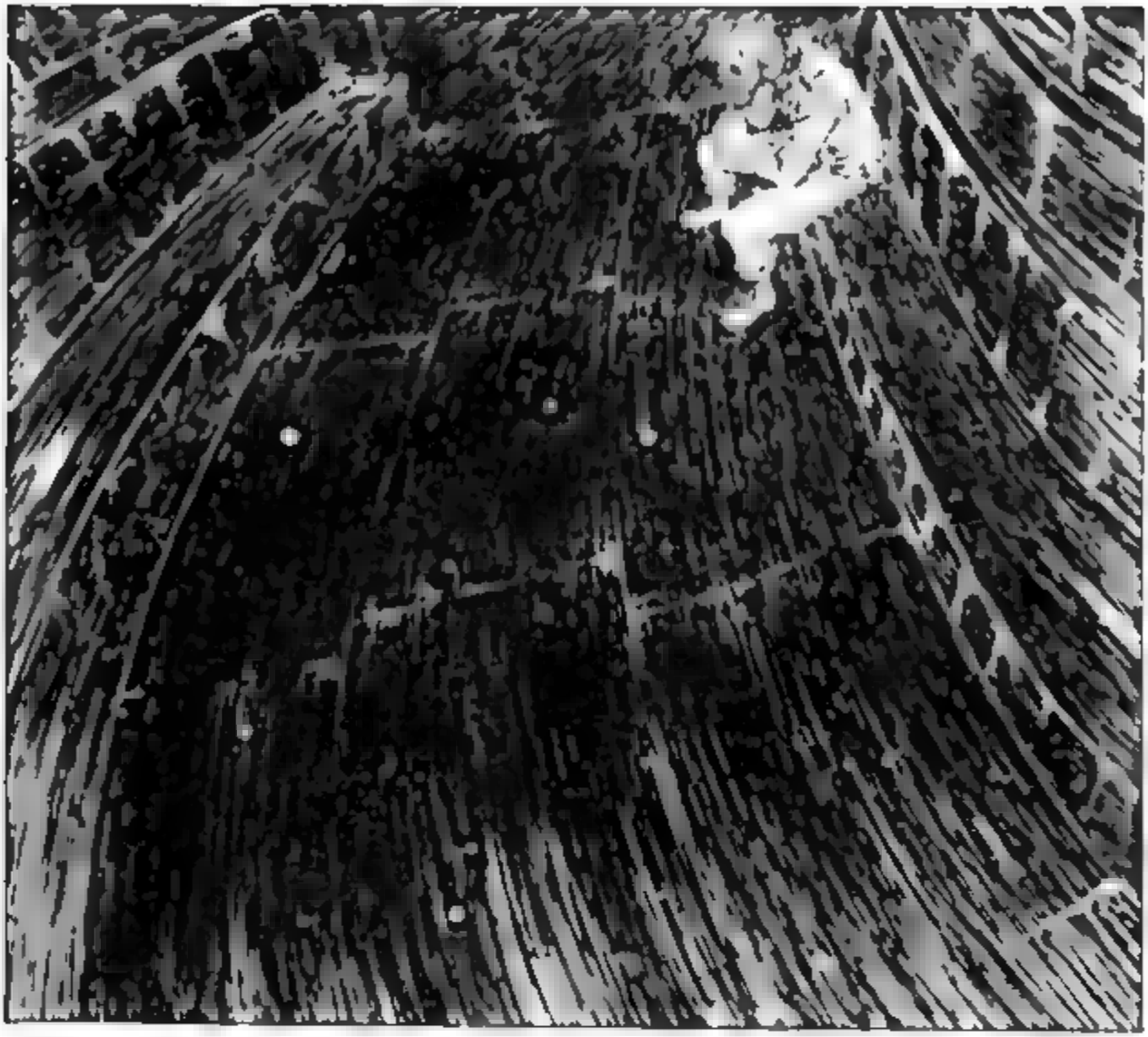

IVANOV...

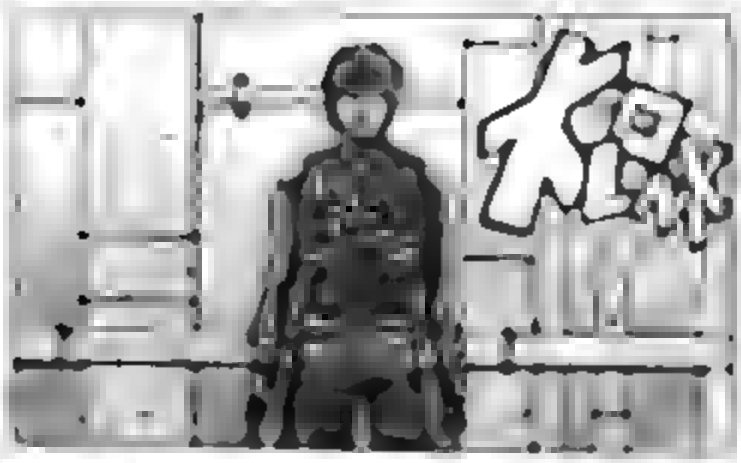
JAKOMO...

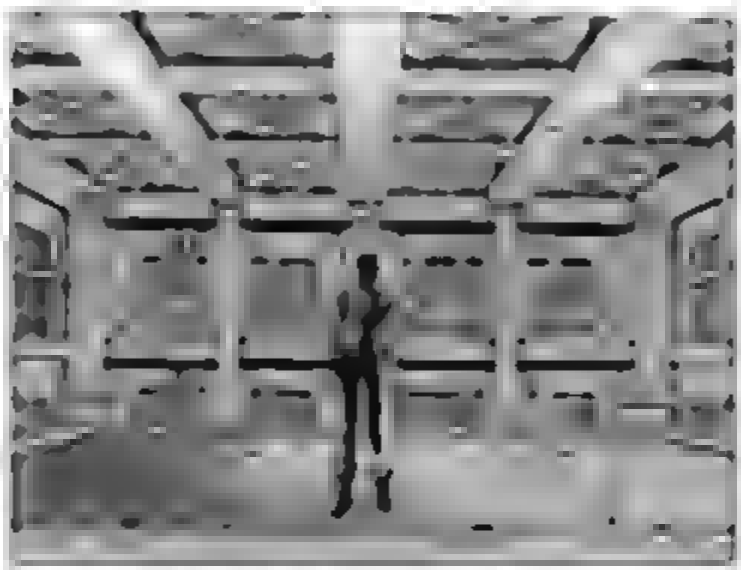
MENENDES...

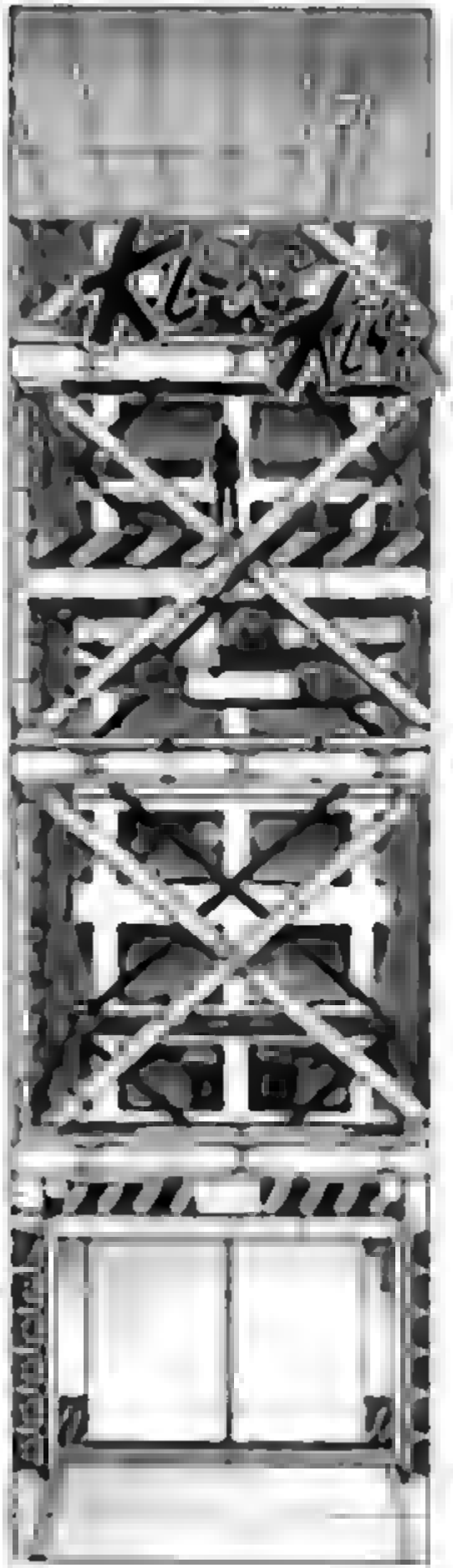

DONALD...

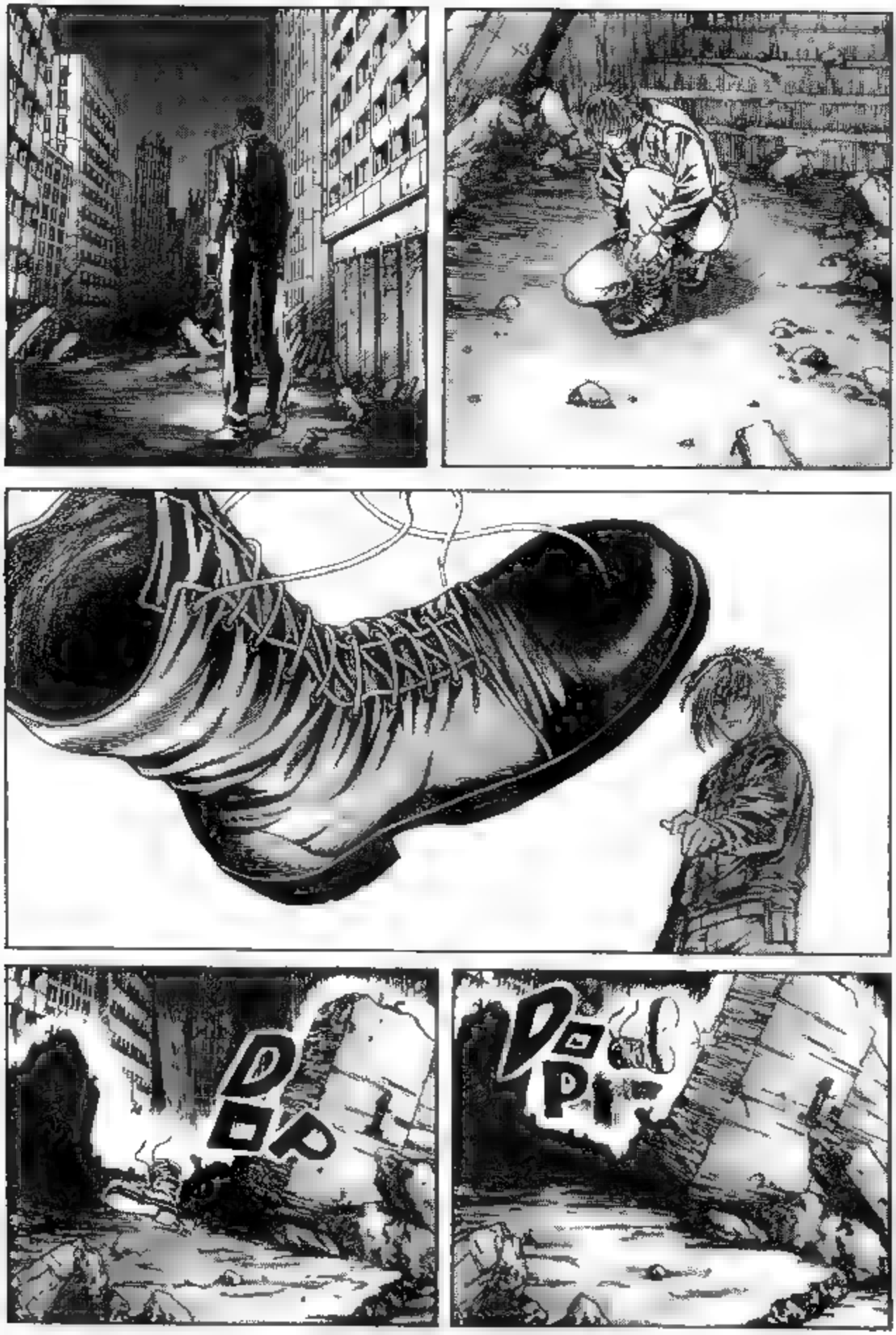


TOSHIO TAMURA!





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POP

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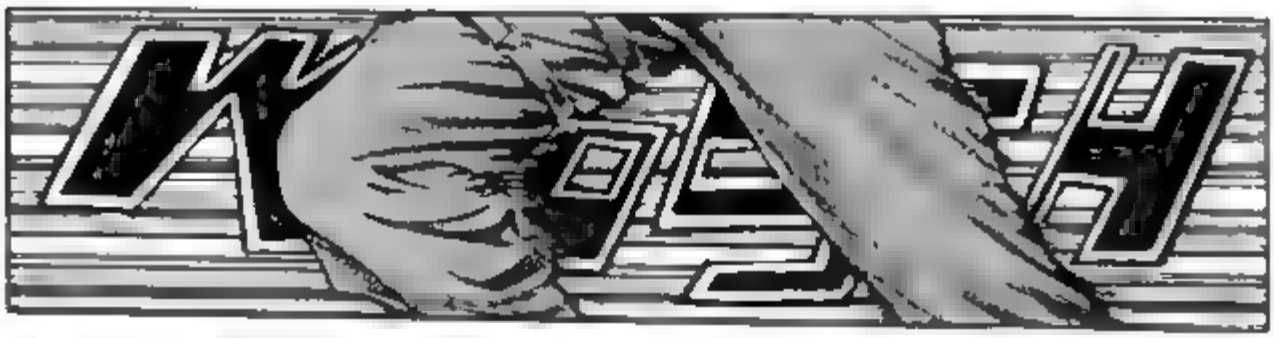
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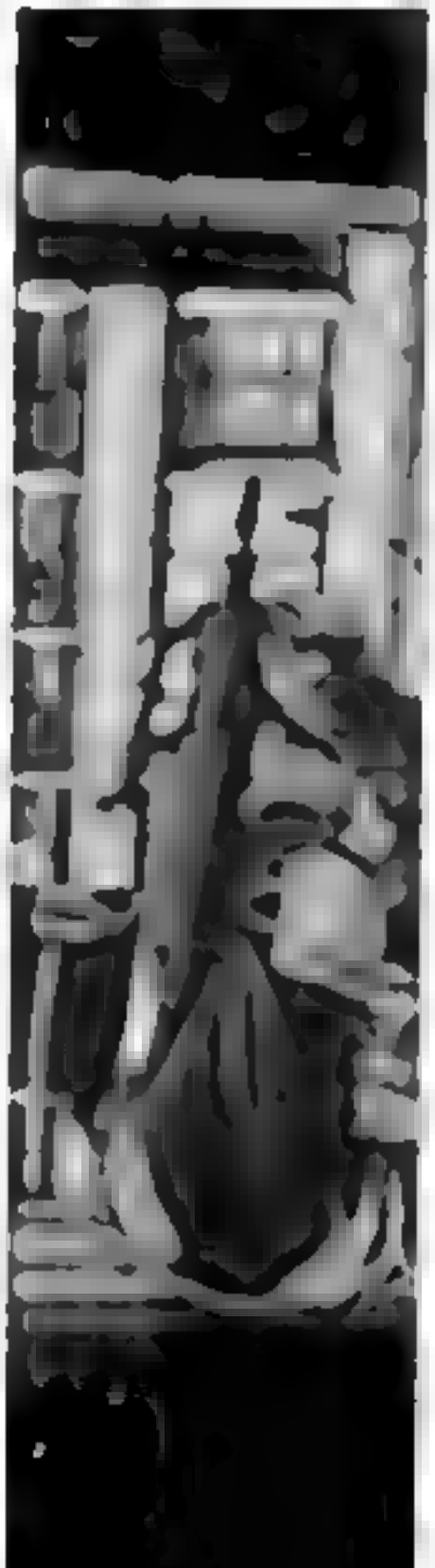
THAT WAS LIVE-
AMMUNITION!!

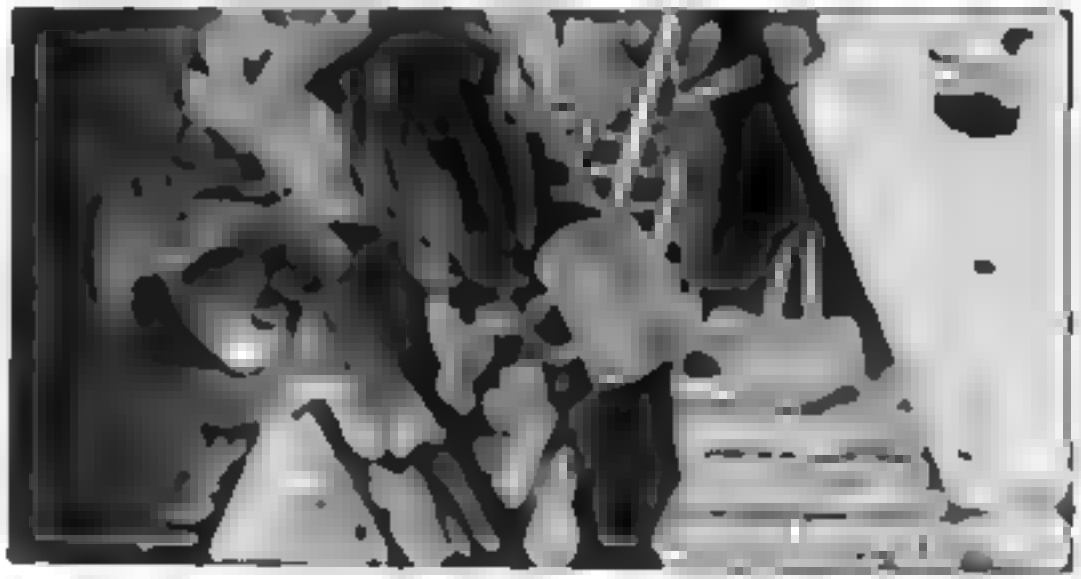
TA TA TA
BRNG BRNG
TA TA TA TA TA
ARGH
...

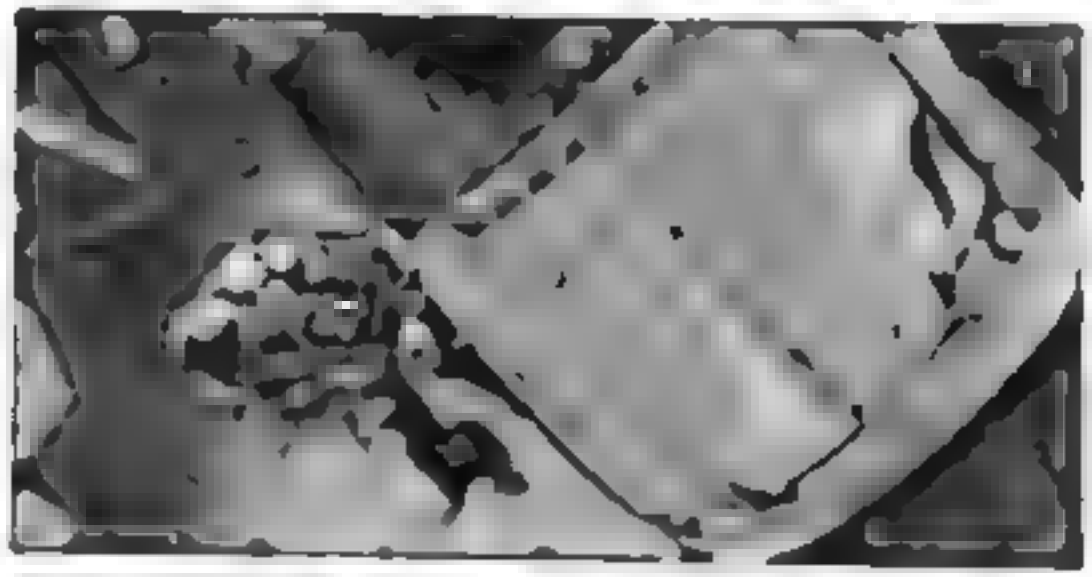
TATATATA
TA TA TA
SHIT! THIS IS NO "EXAMINATION"...
TA TA TA
...
THIS IS TRUE SLAUGTHER!!

DAMN! I WILL SURVIVE! EVEN IF I HAVE TO PULL OUT THE HEART WITH MY HANDS! UNTIL THE LAST MAN...

...IS SLAUGH-TERED!!







TOO BAD, I LET HIM ESCAPE...!

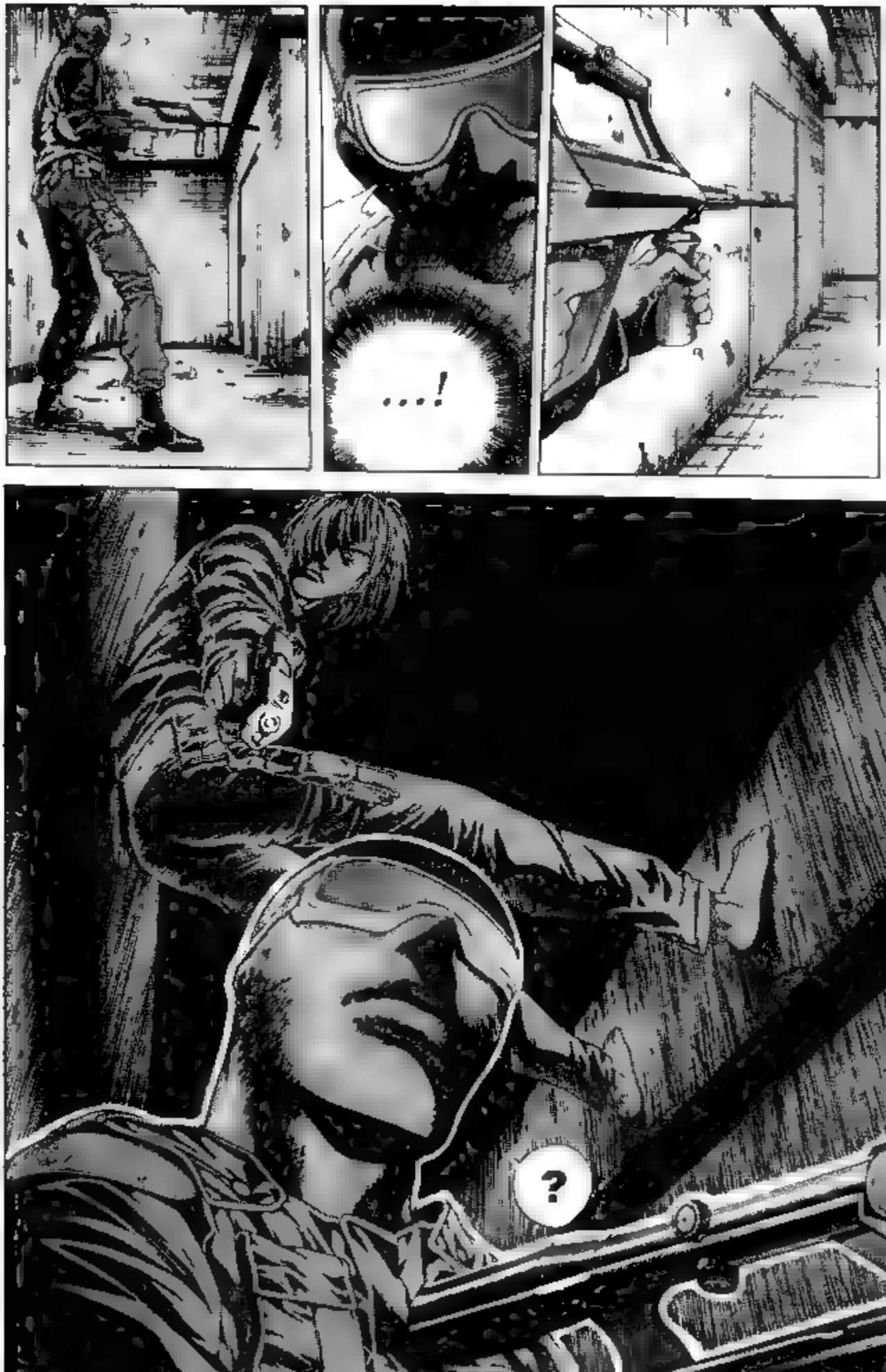
BLAM
ARGH
...!
BASH

TA TA TA TA TA TA TA TA
BASH BASH BASH
TA TA TA TA

BOLT
HAH
HAH

...ONE IN THE ALLEY...
...ONE ON THE SECOND FLOOR...
...ONE ON THE ROOF...
ONE ON THE STREET...
...AND I ONLY HAVE ONE SHOT!
WHAT NOW...?

DAP DAP
WHAT DO I DO NOW?



BHSH
ARGH
...
PAP

UUOOOH!
TA TA TA
UUOH
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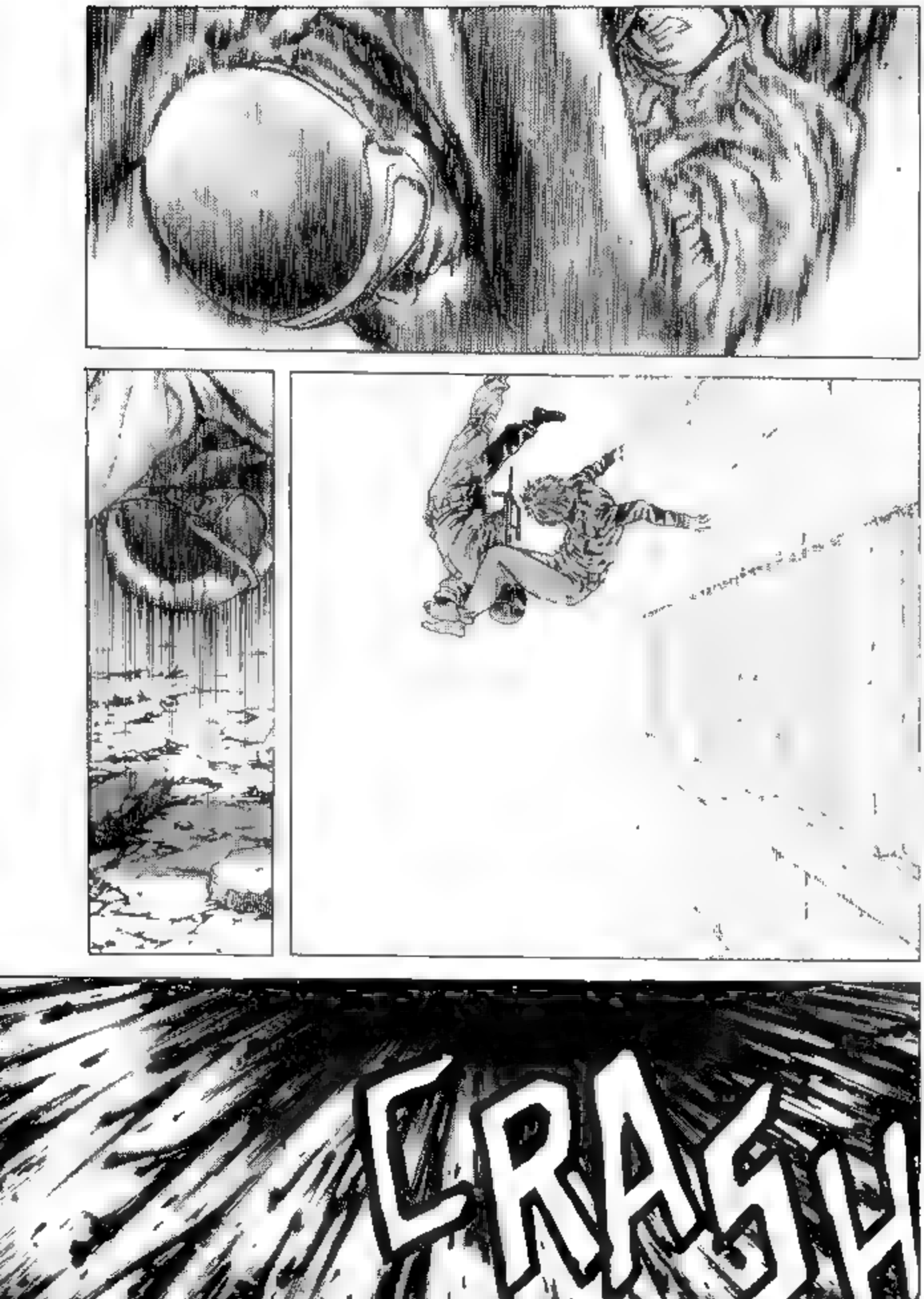
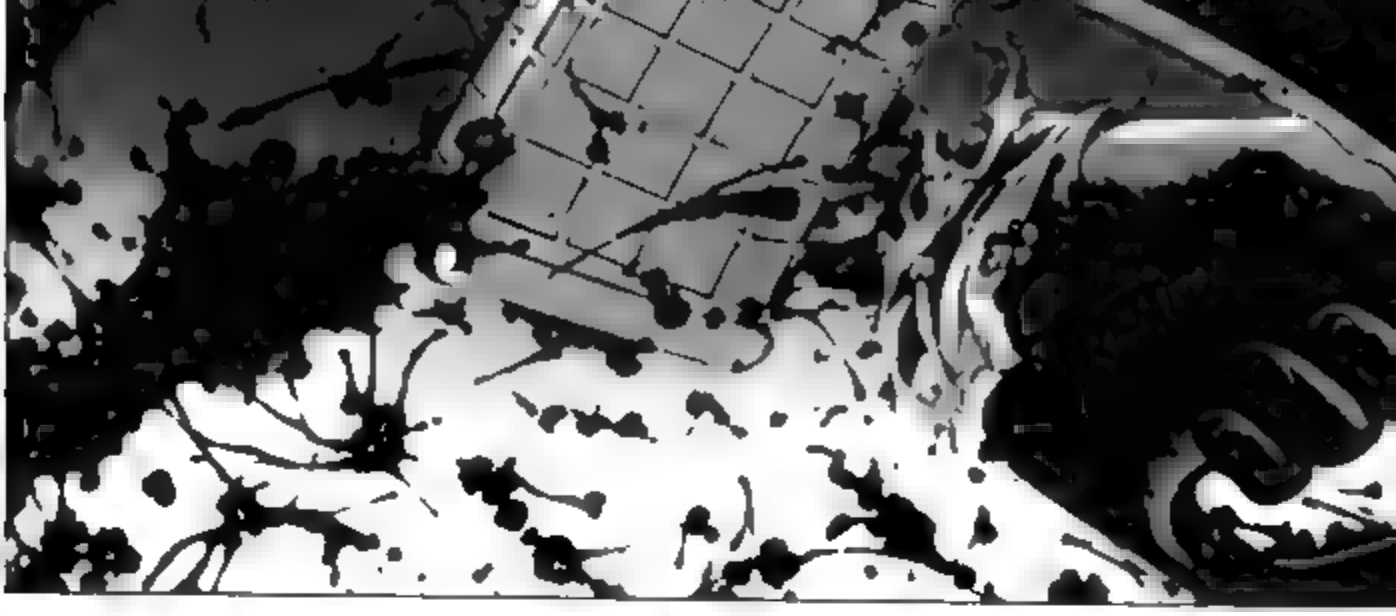
THAT GUY IS
SUBURBAN!

!
WHICK

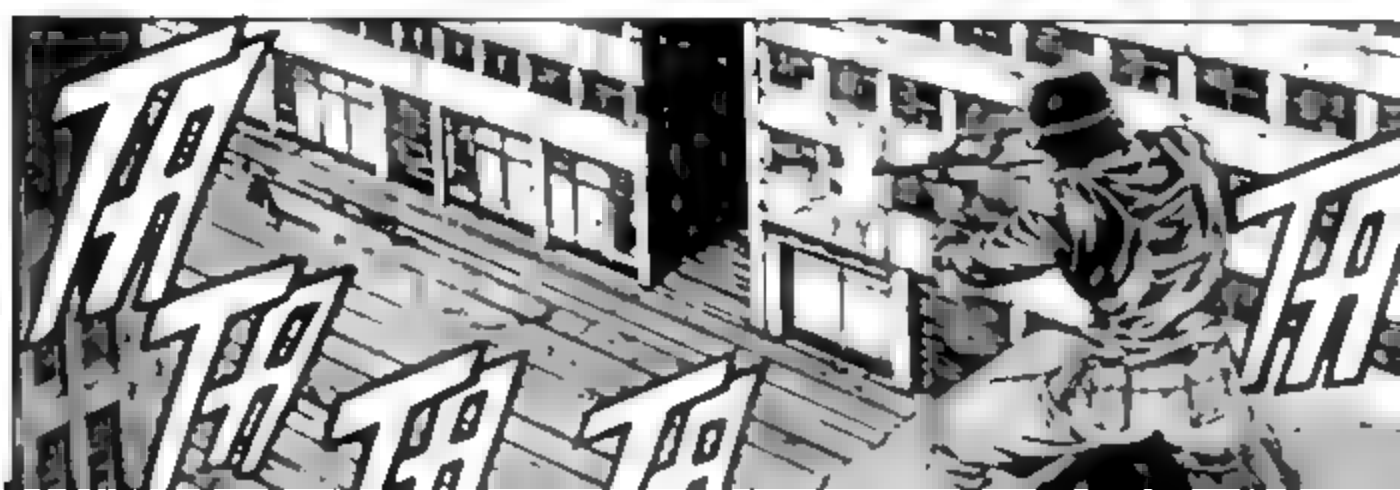

CRASH

HAH
HAH
TWO OPPONENTS LEFT STILL... WELL...



TA TA TA
TA TA TA

AAAAAHHHH!!!


TA TA TA TA
TA

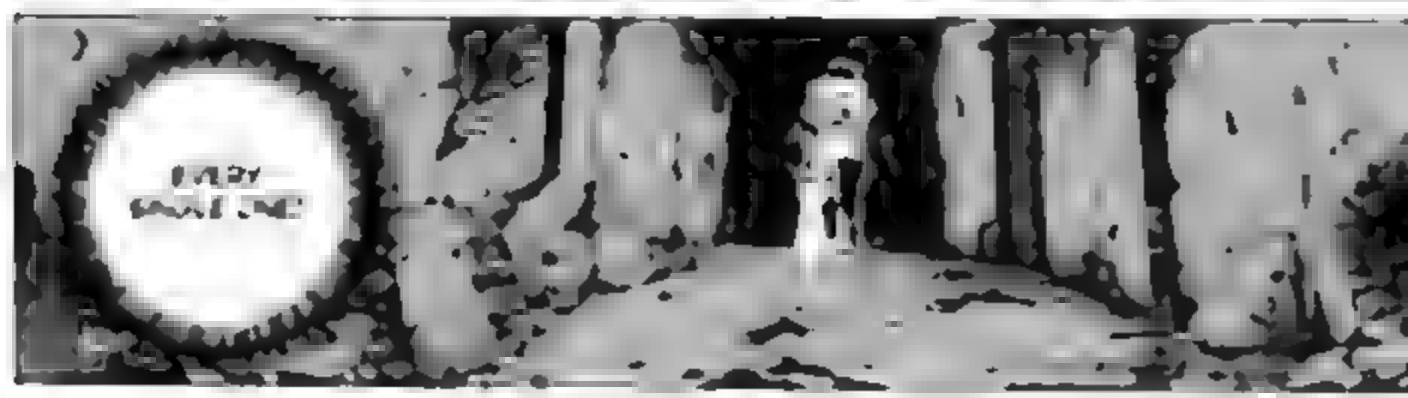
TA
TA
TA
TA
TA
TA
TA
TA
STUBBORN GOAT ..!
DAMN ..

HAH
...
HAH
URGH
URGH
...
URGH
...
GUAAAAAAHHH!!!

HUH
HUH
SHITASSES...
...NOW TAKE A GOOD LOOK!
AAAAAH!

I'LL BITE OFF

I'LL RIP OFF
YOUR HEART...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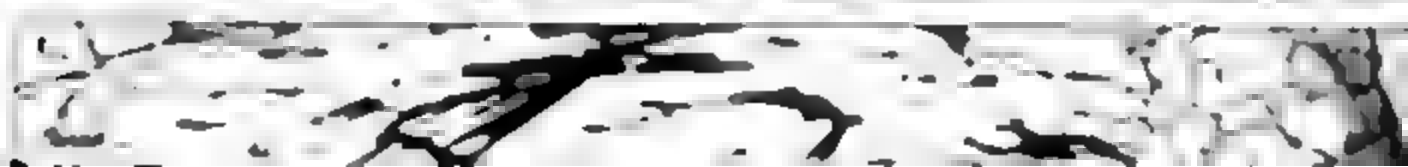
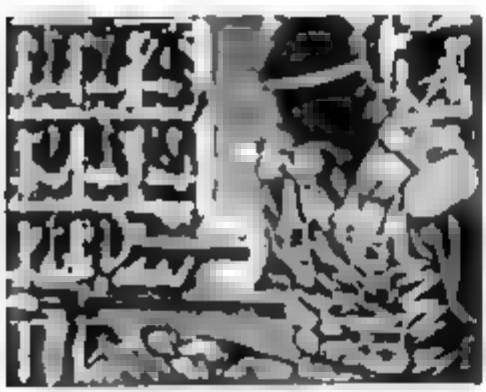


THAT HE WOULD STILL BE ALIVE AFTER SUCH A CARNAGE...
HMM ...
WELL, HE DOESN'T MOVE ANYMORE!
HM!

YOU'LL GET A COMMENDATION FOR YOUR SURVIVAL UNTIL NOW
TA TA TA

THAT'S...



ARGH
WOSH

AH

LRGH

JRGH

GLIAAAAAHH!!

DIE!

HA HA HA HA
GAGAGAGA!
HA HA HA HA

HEY"

TAAT

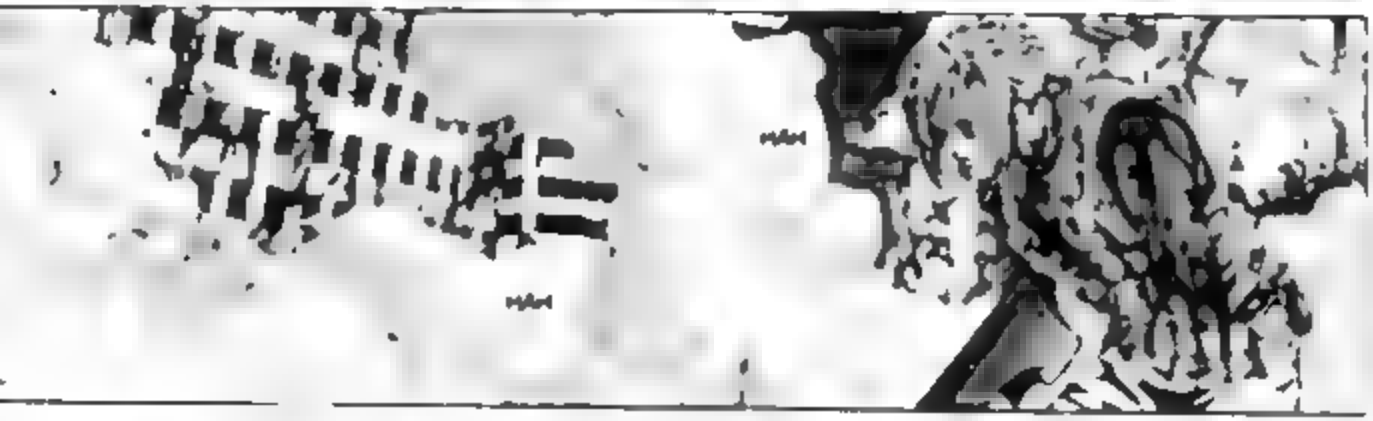
UOOOOOH...!!

DIE...!

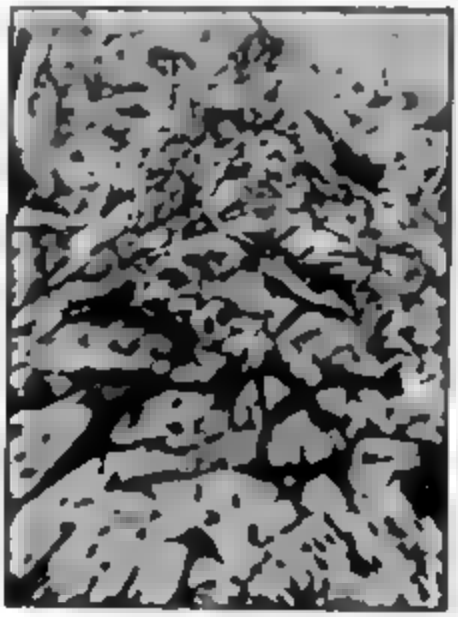
GAAAAAAHHH!!

TATATA
AAAAAAH!
TATATATATATATATA

CRASH

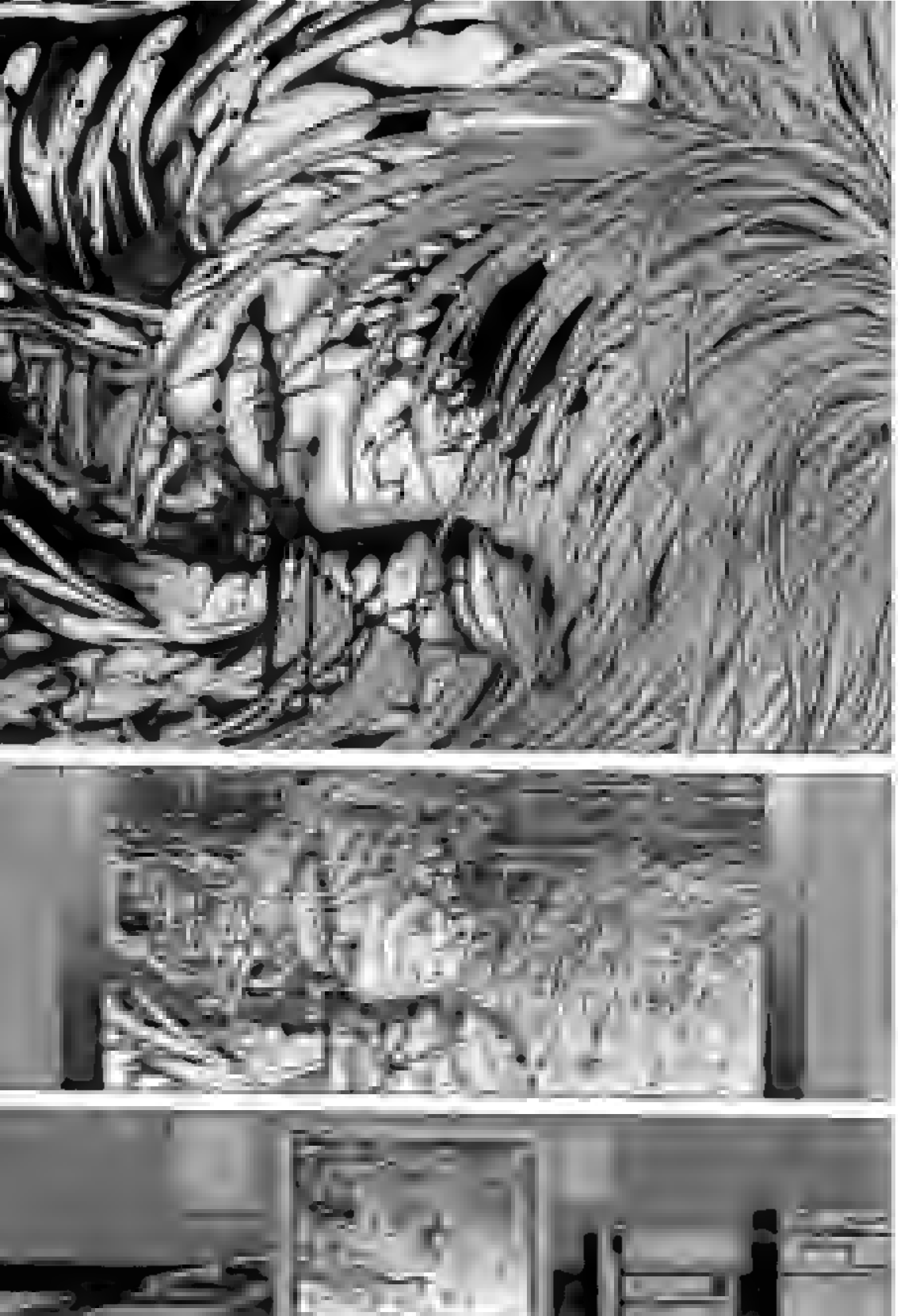

HHH
HHH

IS IT... NOW...



HHH
HHH

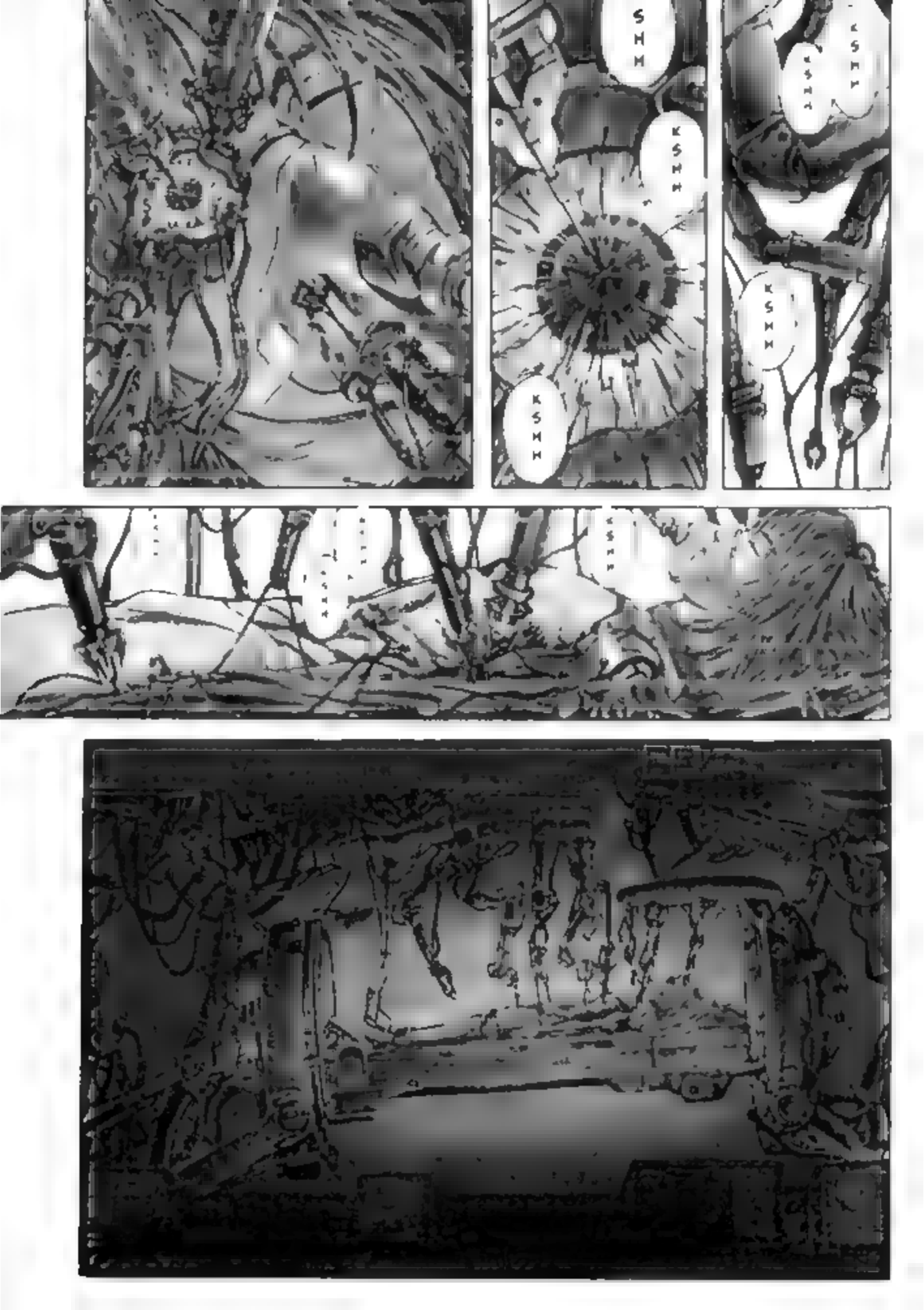
BOUM
FINALLY



Yoshio Tamura has passed the last examination.

SCANS: ZILLAH
TRANS: ALMAEL
EDITS: STARPIMP

CHAPTER 9 : ON THE EVE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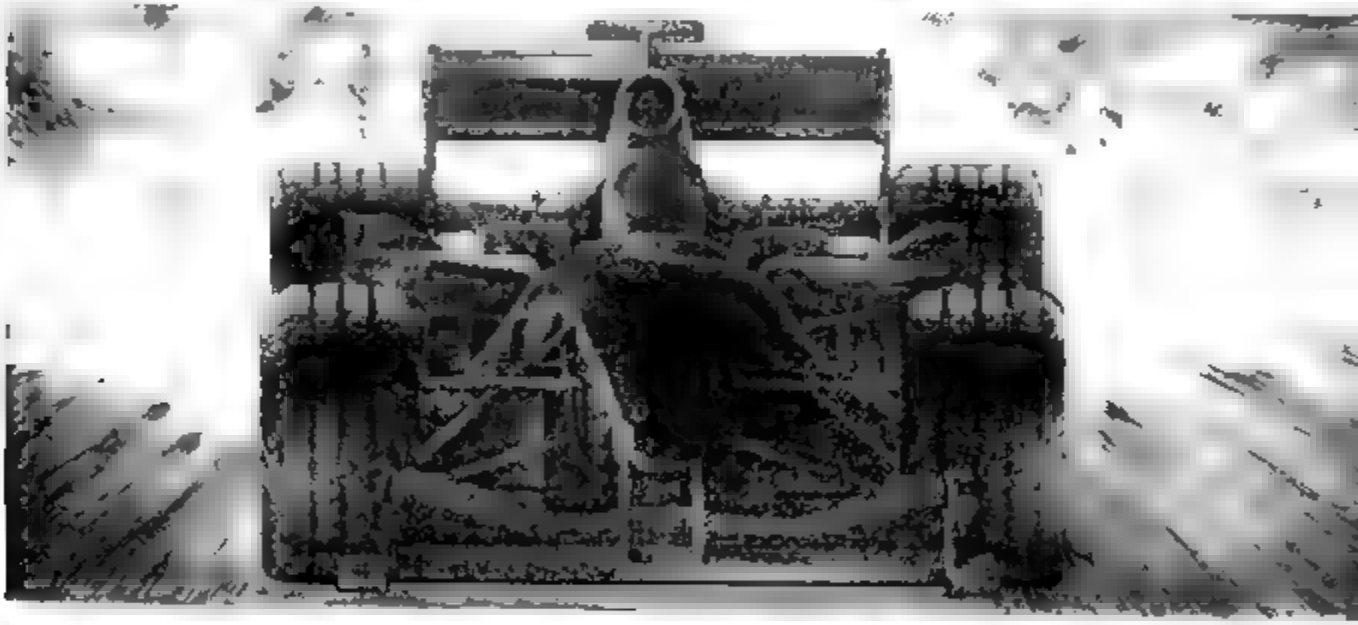
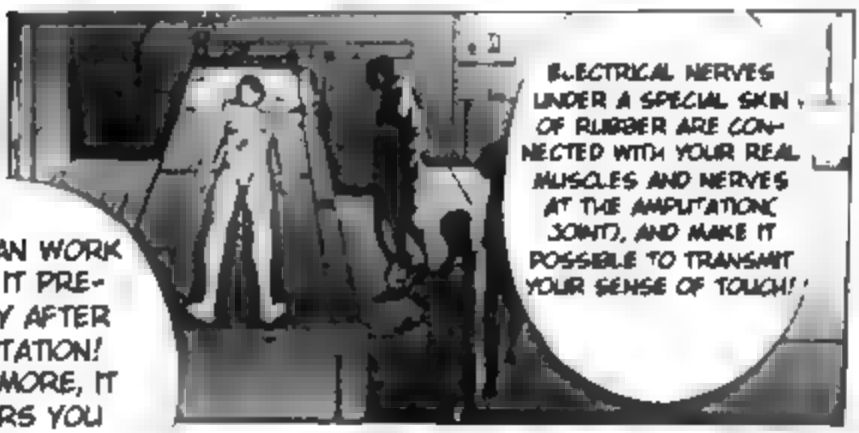


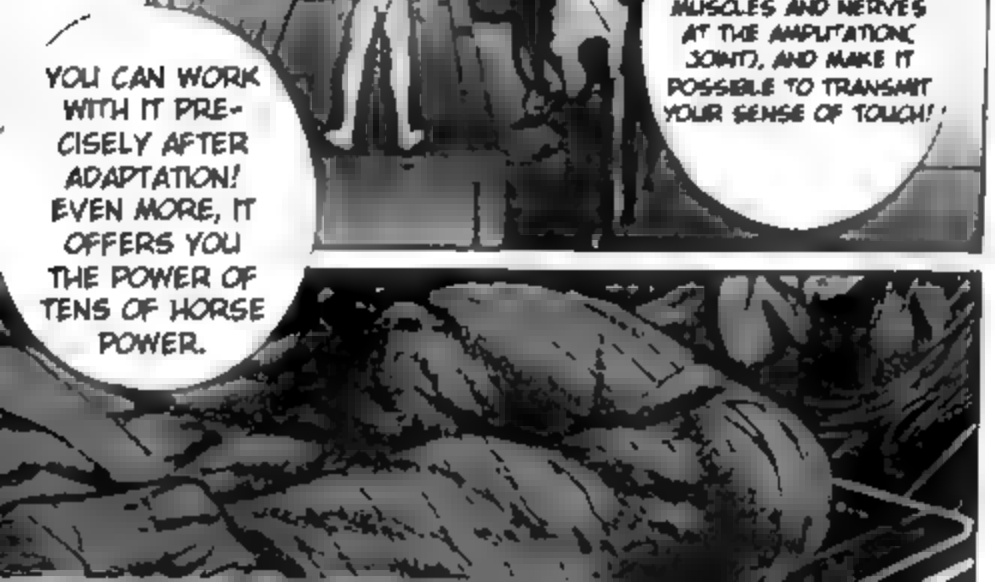
JANJIRA ..?!

UAAAH...!

HAH
HAH
HAH
HA

YOUR LEFT ARM IS EQUIPED WITH ARTIFICIAL NERVES NOW BY USING THE ACTION CURRENT.


ELECTRICAL NERVES UNDER A SPECIAL SKIN OF RUBBER ARE CONNECTED WITH YOUR REAL MUSCLES AND NERVES AT THE AMPUTATION(JOINT), AND MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO TRANSMIT YOUR SENSE OF TOUCH!

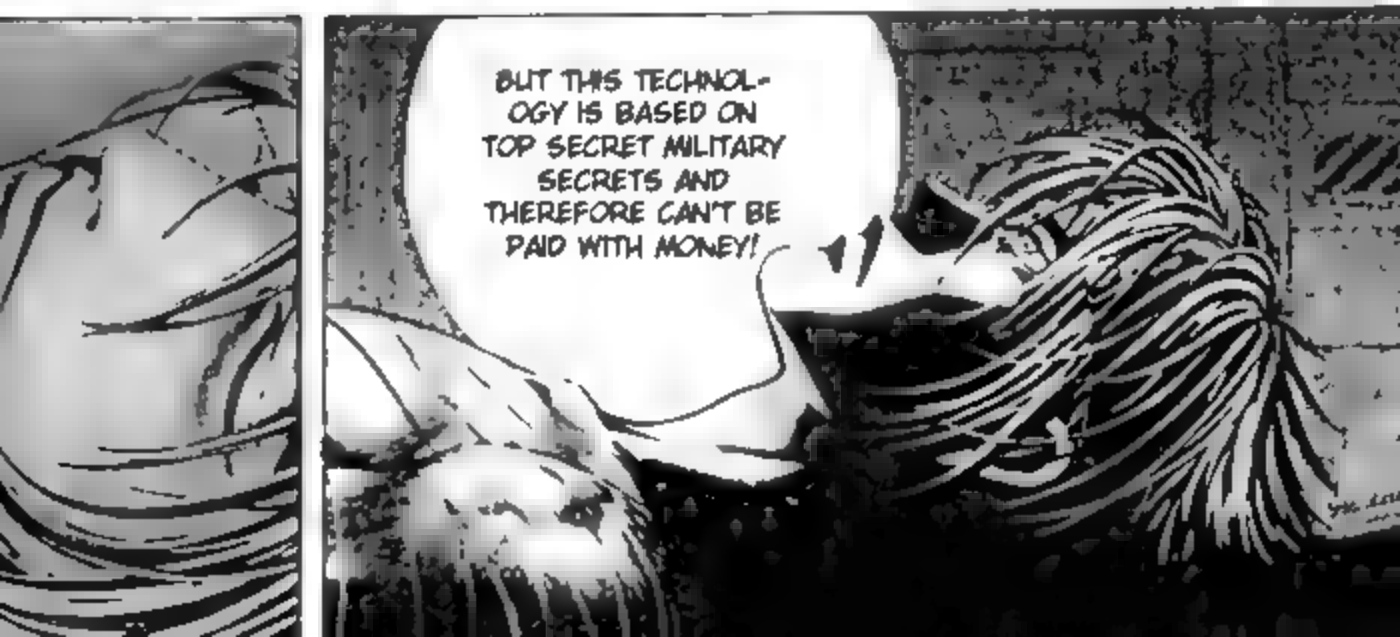

YOU CAN WORK WITH IT PRECISELY AFTER ADAPTATION! EVEN MORE, IT OFFERS YOU THE POWER OF TENS OF HORSE POWER.

HAH
...
HAH
..

ARTIFICIAL NERVE FIBRES ARE SENDING IMPULSES FROM THE PHOTOCELLS DIRECTLY TO THE VISION CENTRE IN YOUR BRAIN!
NEXT WOULD BE YOUR ARTIFICIAL EYE LIKEWISE WITH HIGH ELECTRONIC CAPACITIES.

IT MEANS YOU CAN SEE IN THE DARK!
FURTHERMORE YOUR ARTIFICIAL EYEBALL ALSO DETECTS INFRARED AND ULTRAVIOLET RAYS.

BOTH ARTIFICIAL (LIMBS) VALUE MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS!
SO YOU ARE SOMETHING LIKE A CYBORG!


BUT THIS TECHNOLOGY IS BASED ON TOP SECRET MILITARY SECRETS AND THEREFORE CAN'T BE PAID WITH MONEY!

YOU THINK I'LL CRY OF JOY NOW OR WHAT?
LA LA
EXIT-01
LA LA
LA LA
LONG TIME NO SEE, TOSHIO!

...
THAT'S LOWER THAN 1% OF ALL ORIGINALY GATHERED PEOPLE ON THIS ISLAND!

OUT OF ONE HUNDRED PARTICIPANTS IN THE EXAM, ONLY 18 SURVIVED...

YOU WERE STUBBORN ENOUGH TO SURVIVE, TOSHIO!

...THIS ZOMBIE ISLAND IS A SECRET CAMP OF THE CIA!

LISTEN TOSHIO...AFTER ALL I HAVE FOUND OUT...

NOW IT'S PROVEN, THAT THE REMAINING ONES HAVE FATE ON THEIR SIDE AND WILL SURVIVE EVEN IN WORSE HELL.

WE ARE EXCELLENT HUNTERS! ZOMBIE HUNTERS!

WELL...THE GUYS BELONG TO AN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, WHICH OPERATES ON A HIGHER LEVEL THAN NATIONAL AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTS SOME KIND OF HIGHER STATE
BUT WHO DO THEY WANT TO HUNT DOWN?
"ZOMBIES THE ENEMY OF THE (WHOLE) HUMAN RACE" SOUNDS A BIT EXAGERATED.
SURE: THEY GAINED 18 AGENTS WITH SUPERHUMAN ABILITIES.

THE TRAINING TO ADAPT TOSHIO'S NERVES WITH THE ARTIFICIAL HAND AND EYE COMPONENT HAS BEGUN.

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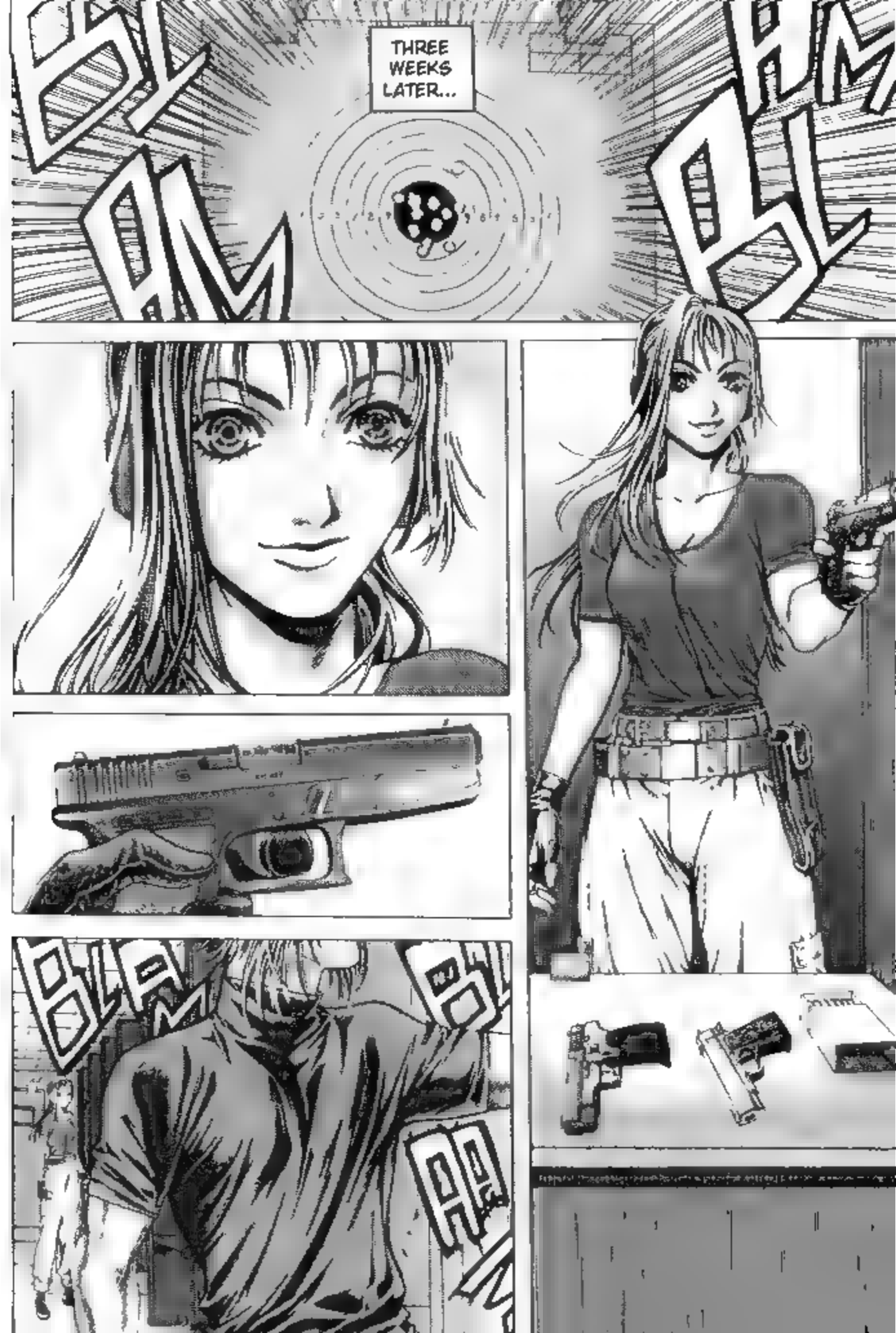
THE FULL CAPABILITY OF THE ELECTRONIC EYE WILL BE SHOWN DURING THE NIGHT-TRAINING.
WITH THAT EVEN IN THE DARKEST PIT THE SMALLEST HEAT RAYS OF A HUMAN BODY CAN BE DETECTED.
ARGH!


THREE WEEKS LATER...
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

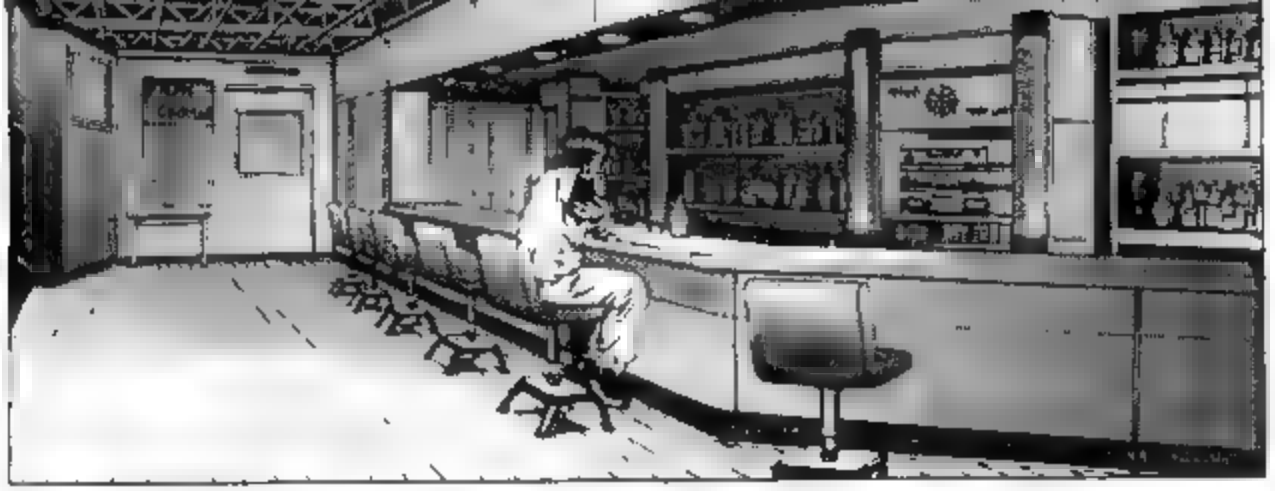
BLAM!!

BLAM!

!

TOSHIO!

I DIDN'T THINK WE WOULD MEET EACH OTHER AGAIN!



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IT'S WORTH IT TO GO THROUGH A SURVIVAL TRAINING FOR SUCH A SERVICE.
HI! YOU CAN HANG OUT IN THE 'OFFICERS' CLUB!

SEE YOU LATER...

I REALLY DIDN'T THINK I WOULD SURVIVE.

FORGET THE OLD TIMES!

AND IF EVER, IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU WHEN I WAS TRAPPED IN THE DEADLY JUNGLE ...

THESE GUYS ARE CRAZY! IT WON'T MATTER FOR THEM TO KILL THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE.

FROM WHAT I HEARD FROM SEKIRYUH...

...BUT, THAT'S ENOUGH TOO!

I WAS LUCKY... LOSING ONLY AN ARM AND AN EYE ...

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?

ONE MILLION DOLLARS WON'T MAKE UP FOR AN ARM AND AN EYE, BUT I'LL TAKE THE MONEY AND DISAP-PEAR!

...
THE LAST EXAMINATION AS THEY WANTED!

I'LL QUIT... AFTER ALL I PASSED ...

DON'T MAKE ANY ILLU-SIONS!

THEY WOULDN'T WANT THEIR SECRETS TO BE REVEALED! THEY'LL KILL YOU!

DO YOU THINK THEY WOULD LET YOU OFF THE ISLAND, TOSHIO?

TOSHIO...! DON'T RUIN YOUR LUCK OF SURVIVAL!

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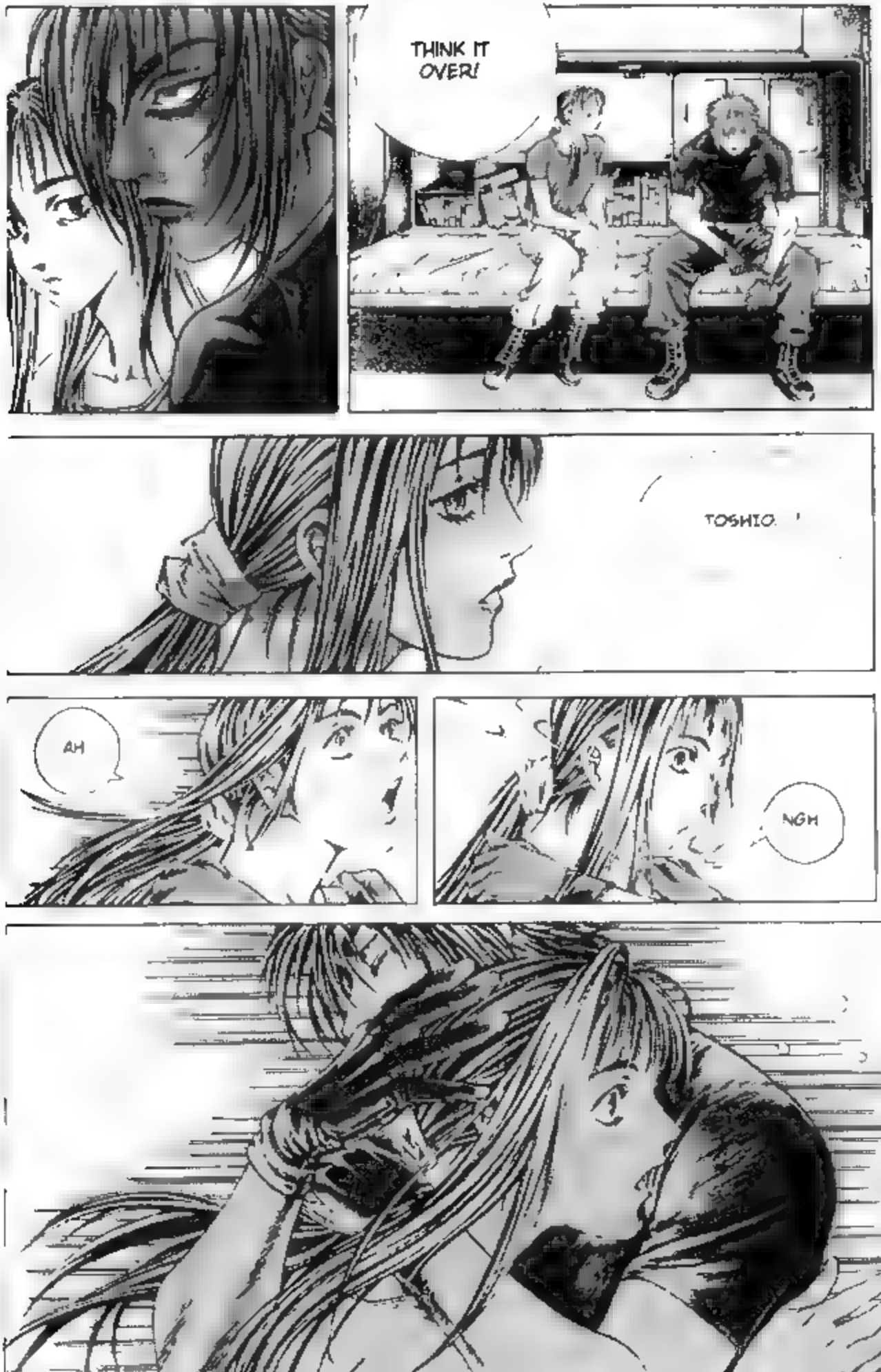
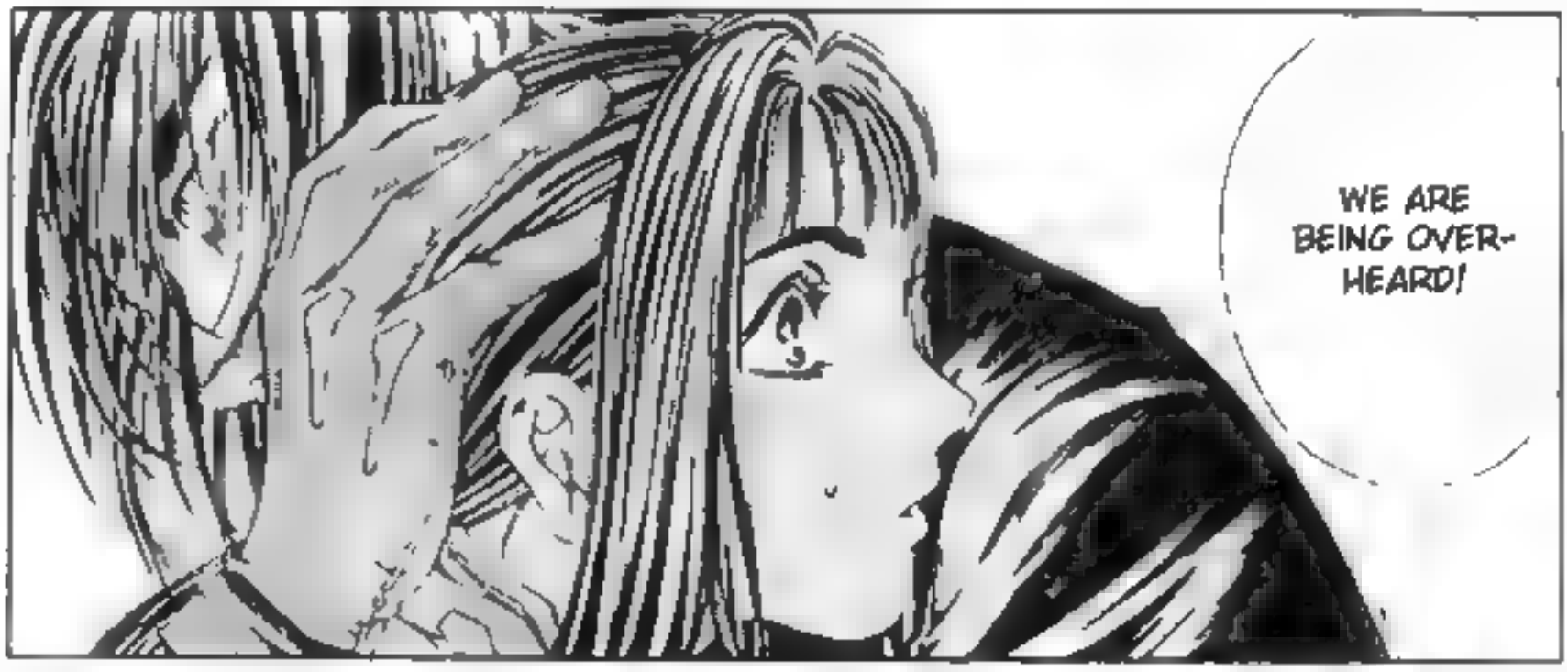
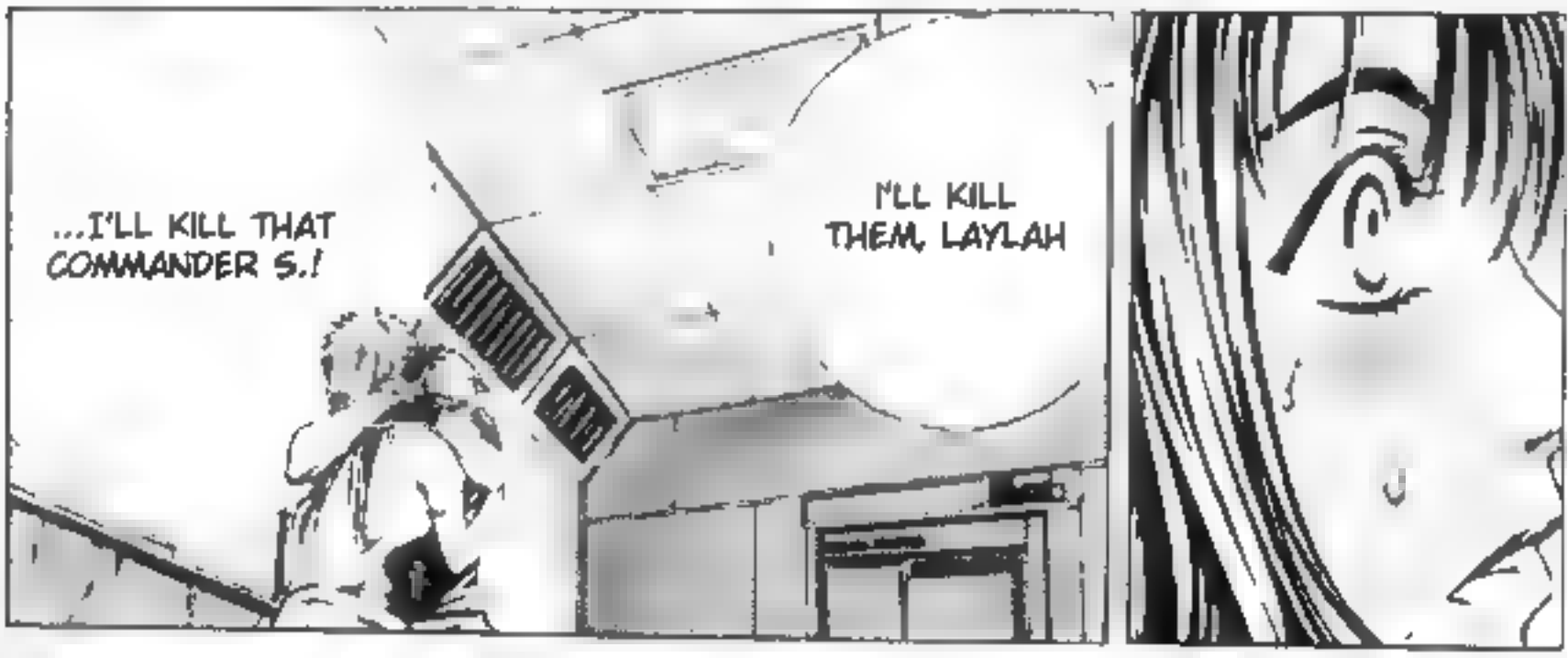

THINK IT OVER!
TOSHIO...
AH
NGH

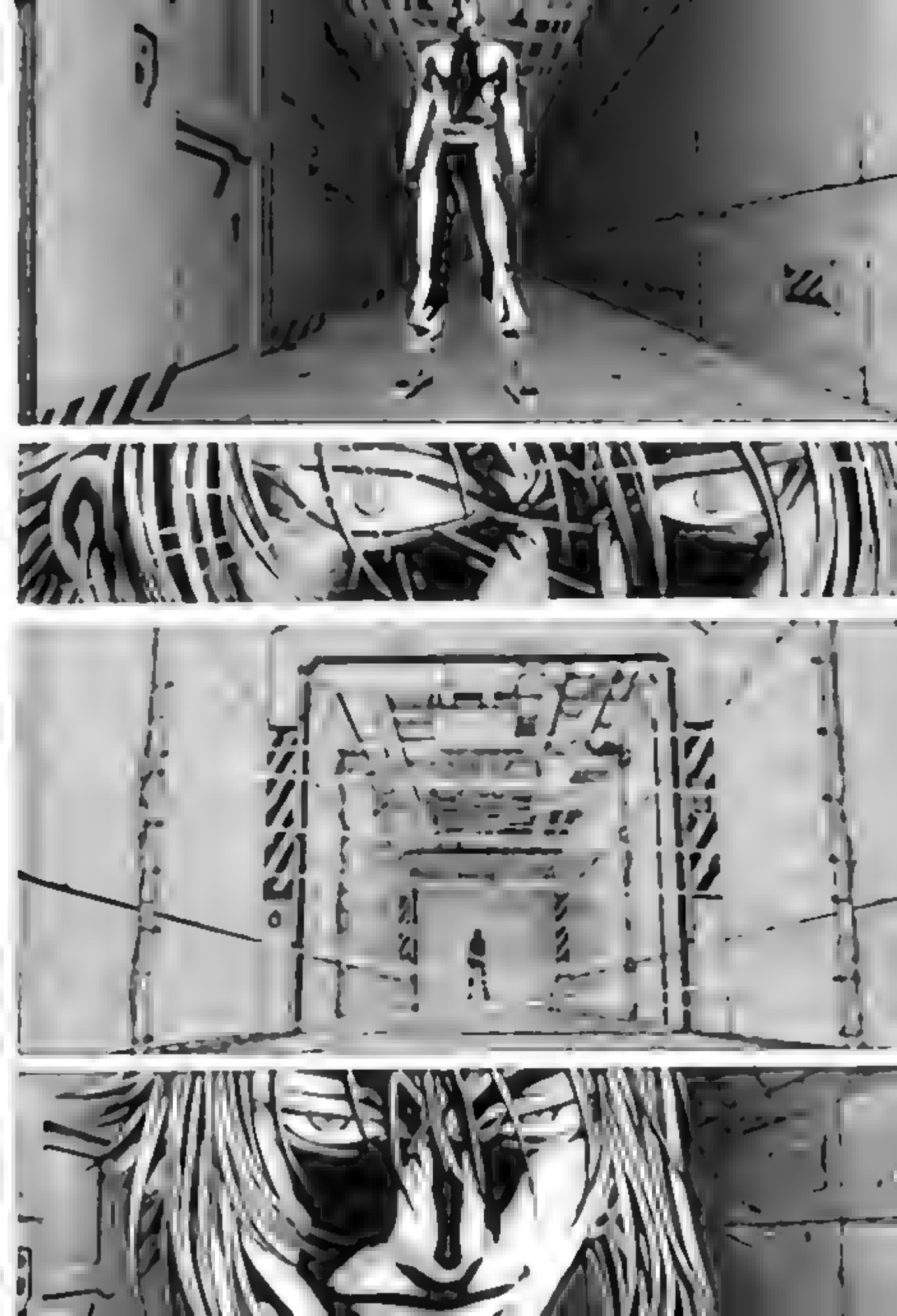

WE ARE BEING OVER-HEARD!


...I'LL KILL THAT COMMANDER S.!
I'LL KILL THEM, LAYLAH

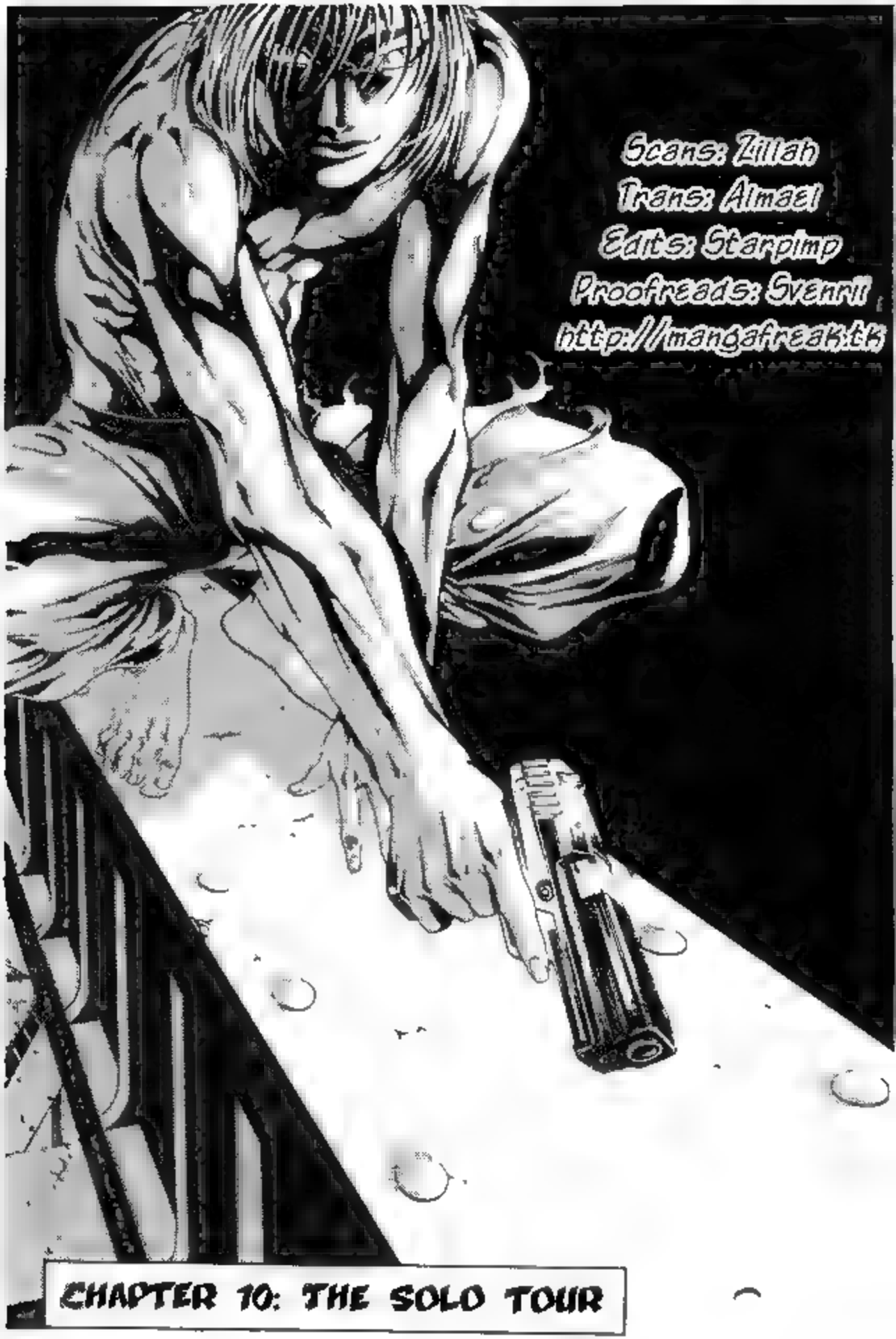
BUT... HOW?

I'M ONE OF THE BEST KILLERS IN THE WORLD. THEY MADE ME INTO THAT!
I ALREADY THOUGHT OF A WAY.

MY DECISION IS FINAL!
TOSHIO
...STAY WITH ME TONIGHT.



IT'S SO COLD TODAY!
ENTRY TO THE UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR REACTOR
TAP TAP
YEAH, DAMN RIGHT!
IN THESE DAYS YOU JUST WANNA BE IN BED WITH ONE OF THE NURSES.
WHO'S THERE!
TAP TAP TAP
TAP TAP TAP



CHAPTER 10: THE SOLO TOUR

AN
INTRUDER!!

KLONK
KLONK
KLONK

I DON'T KNOW!!
WHO'S THAT?
HOWEVER HE WON'T BE ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH THIS 20 METRE THICK STEEL CONCRETE WITH REINFORCED ALLOY
HM.
IF THE REACTOR SECTION GETS OCCUPIED.
THE INTRUDER SEEMS TO BE HEADING FOR THE NUCLEAR REACTOR!

BLAM BLAM
BLAM
BLAM BLAM
BLAM

BLAM
BLAM

RUSH

CRASH

EVACUATION ORDER TO BASE
CONDITION 7!

WOW
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
GIVE UP, TOSHIO TAMURA
AND THE REACTOR WILL GET SO HOT THAT EVEN THE DEVIL WILL MELT!
COME HERE, S. ...BUT ALONE!
FINE, I AM COMING. BUT LOWER THE TEMPERATURE OF THE REACTOR FIRST!
OR I'LL BLOW UP THE ENTIRE ISLAND!

UNDER-STOOD!
AND NO TRICKS! OTHERWISE THE ENTIRE ISLAND WILL FACE DEATH WITH ME!
TO ALL SHEL-TERS: GO ON STANDBY!
CONDITION 7 CANCELLED!
I REPEAT: CONDI-TION 7 CAN-CELLED!
KSHH

I WAS WAITING FOR THIS DAY.
I WANT YOU TO LISTEN TO ME, TOSHIO TAMURA!
I DON'T WANT YOUR WORDS BUT REVENGE FOR 2000 MURDERED PEOPLE!

YOU MAY BE A MASTER WITH GUNS
BUT AGAINST US TWO, YOU ARE AT A DISADVANTAGE, RIGHT?
GIVE UP, TOSHIO!
NOW, DON'T LOSE YOUR NERVES!
GO CAPITALIZE! I DON'T FEEL LIKE FIGHTING YOU!
WHY DID YOU TURN ON ME?

WE ONLY THINK THAT YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO WHAT S. HAS TO SAY!
THAT'S NOT IT!
PLEASE, TOSHIO...!
GOOD BOY...
LISTEN TO HIM!
PI
MR. S...?
EVERYTHING BEGAN IN THE SPRING OF LAST YEAR...

...WHEN A GOV-ERNMENTAL FLIGHT CRASHED INTO THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.
THE CRASH WAS AN ACCIDENT. THEY ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS WITH THE ENGINES AND WERE TRYING TO MAKE AN EMER-GENCY LANDING
THE PLANE WAS DESTROYED, AND THERE WERE MANY CASUAL-TIES AND INJURIES. ONLY A FEW SURVIVED THE CRASH
THE TERRIBLE SIGHT OF A PASSENGER THAT WAS A HIGH, GOV-ERNMENT OFFICIAL.
BUT THE EMER-GENCY CAMERAS PICKED UP SOMETHING HORRIBLE:

THAT GREEN BODY WAS RECLAIMED AN EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL BEING

THROUGH THE RADAR NET, WHICH WAS SET UP DURING THE COLD WAR TO DETECT DEFENSE MISSILES AND OTHER FLYING OBJECTS, MANY PROBLEMS CAME UP WITH

...BECAUSE IF YOU MISTAKE AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT AS AN ENEMY MISSILE, THEN A NUCLEAR WAR COULD ENSUE.

UNTIL THEN, THE ABSURD IDEA OF AN "INVASION FROM SPACE" BECAME REAL FOR THE MILITARY OF THE SUPER NATIONS.

AFTER THE CRASH, WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN THAT THE "INVADERS" COULD EMBED THEMSELVES INTO THE BODY OF IMPORTANT OFFICIALS AND MANIPULATE THEM AS PUPPETS, IT SHOCKED THE LEADING FORCES OF THE GOV-

HOW SHOULD ONE FIGHT AN ENEMY WHO HAS EMBEDED ITSELF INTO A HUMAN BODY? SUCH A FIGHT WOULD ULTIMATELY LEAD TO WAR.

PEOPLE POSSESSED BY "INVADERS" DO NOT COUNT AS HUMAN ANYMORE; THEY ARE "LIVING CORPSES".

BECAUSE OF THE SIMILARITY TO THE "CORPSE SLAVE" (ZOMBIES) OF THE VOODOO, THE SPECIAL INSTITUTION DESIGNATED TO FIGHT THE "INVADERS" WAS NAMED "ZOMBIE HUNTER".
BSJZH
WHOEVER IS CONTAMINATED BY AN "INVADER" WILL BE DESTROYED MERCILESSLY, DISREGARDING SOCIAL STATUS.
THERE IS NO EXCEPTION, EVEN FOR HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL OR THE PRESIDENT.
"ZH" IS, IN FACT, A KILLER ORGANIZATION WITH UNPRECEDENTED PREPONDERANT STRENGTH AND SYSTEMATICAL STRUCTURE.

TOSHIO, YOU ARE ONE OF THE STRONGEST FIGHTERS WHO HAS EVER EMERGED FROM MANKIND!
ZOMBIE HUNTERS ARE THE FIRST WARRIORS WHO DEFEND THE EARTH FOR A UNITED HUMAN RACE!
BUT YOUR ENEMY IS NOT A NATION, THE WORLD'S VIEWS OR A CERTAIN GROUP.
WHO SET ME UP FOR DEATH AND STOLE MY ARM AND EYE, EH?
"EXTRATERRESTRIALS"? AND WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ME?
WAIT A MINUTE! "DEFEND THE EARTH"? IT SOUNDS SO ABSURD.

WE MUST FULFIL OUR DUTY TO FREE THE EARTH FROM THE INVAD-ERS!
WE HAD TO! IT WAS OUR DUTY! AND YOU, AS AN EARTHLING, CANNOT AVOID YOUR DUTY!
"DEFEND THE EARTH"?! WHAT A JOKE!
WHAT DO I KNOW ABOUT THE HUMANS FUTURE! WHAT DO THE WORRIES OF THE AUTHORITIES HAVE TO DO WITH ME?!
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO BECOME HIS SLAVES AND HUNT ALIENS?
DO YOU BELIEVE THIS IMPOSTER?
THINK IT OVER!! THAT ASSHOLE SLAUGHTERED 2000 HUMANS ON THIS ISLAND, AS IF THEY WERE ANIMALS!

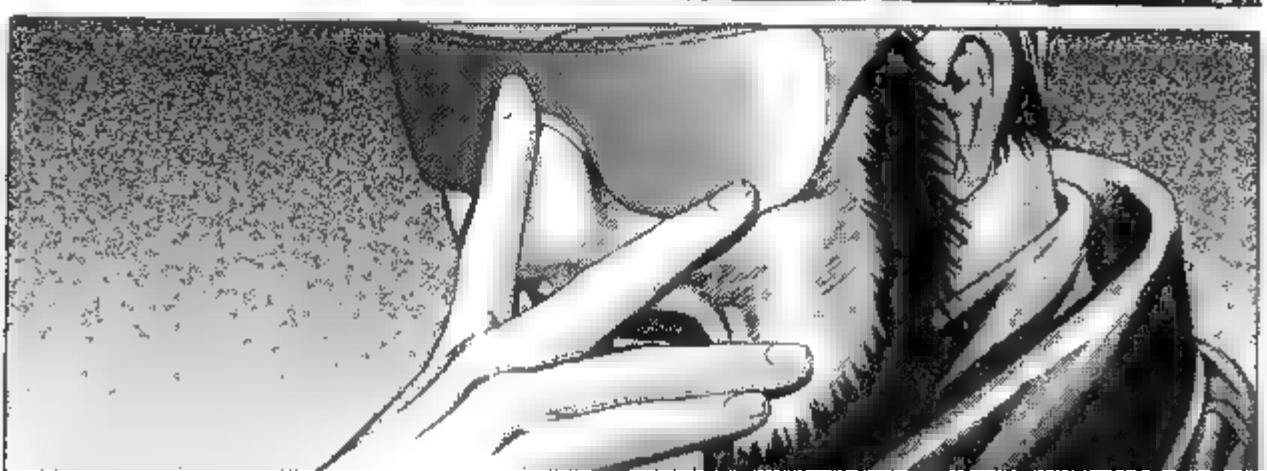
IT'S BECAUSE OF SUCH IDIOTS THAT WAR EXISTS... BECAUSE MAD GUYS LIKE HIM COME TO POWER!
THAT GUY MAKES US BELIEVE THAT HIS SLAUGHTER IS A DUTY TO DEFEND THE EARTH!
HAH
HAH
HAH
THAT'S RIGHT, SO IT IS.
DIDN'T KNOW YOU COULD SPEAK SO WELL... GO ON, DON'T HESITATE!
GO, GIVE IT YOUR ALL!

I'LL LEAVE THIS ISLAND!
NOBODY WILL HINDER ME!
FINE, GO BACK TO JAPAN, TOSHIO!
I WANT THE PROMISED MILLION NOW!
YOU WILL DEFINITELY UNDERSTAND SOON.
FINE...BUT YOU ARE ONE OF THE ZOMBIE HUNTER.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE EVER AGAIN!
SHUT UP!
WHAT WILL YOU DO? ARE YOU STAYING ON THE ISLAND?
FINE. DO WHAT YOU WANT!

FROM THE BEGINNING, THEY HAVE CHOSEN AN UNUSUALLY SPECIAL WAY OF LIFE.

BUT THEY ARE STILL STUCK IN A NIGHTMARE FROM WHICH I HAVE ALREADY ESCAPED!

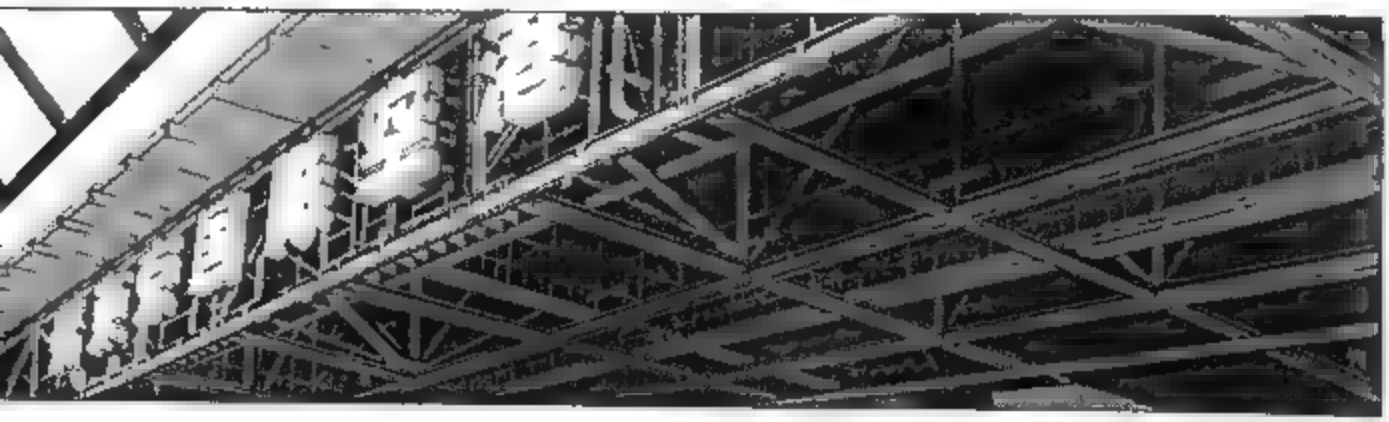


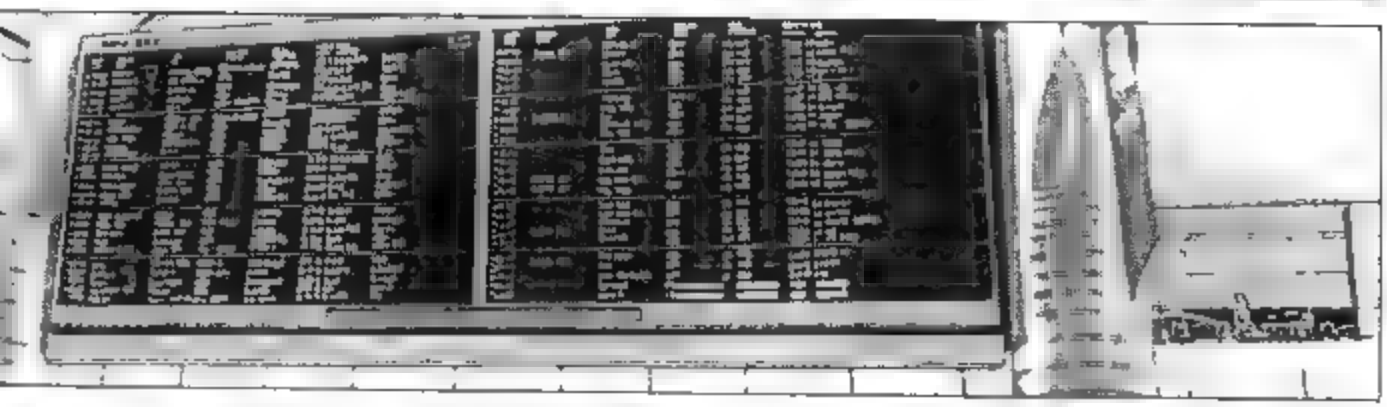
HE HASN'T NOTICED YET, BUT HE LIKES KILLING...OTHERWISE HE WOULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED THIS EXTREMELY INHUMAN SITUATION!

IT'S DANGEROUS TO LIVE IN THE NORMAL WORLD IF YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT THE RULES OF LIVING TOGETHER.

THE ONES ON THE ISLAND ARE ALREADY NOT NORMAL HUMANS ANYMORE... THEY HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED SPIRITUALLY AND BODILY INTO KILLING MACHINES.

HOW CAN A SLAUGHTER-PROVEN SLAYER BELIEVE HE CAN ADAPT TO NORMAL SOCIETY?





CHAPTER 11 : THE RETURN

NOW HE WILL SURELY ...

... SEND HIS DOGS AFTER ME ON THE MARK OF A WHISTLE

TOSHIO.

SISTER ...!

DON'T CRY YUKIKO!

TOSHIO

I WAS SO WORRIED SINCE YOUR DIS-APPEAR-ANCE.

MY LONGING FOR AFFEC-TION HAS GROWN SO STRONG

...

...

ALL THE SUFFERING IS GONE.

HOW DID YOU KNOW I WOULD COME TODAY?

I HAVE RECEIVED A TELEGRAM, BUT I DON'T KNOW FROM WHO.

THAT WAS S.!!

THEY WOULDN'T WANT THEIR SECRET TO BE SPILLED OUT! THEY WILL KILL YOU. TOSHIO!

WHOEVER HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE ZOMBIE HUNTERS WILL NEVER SEVER THIS BINDING.

THERE SHE IS!

I ALSO TOLD HER YOU WOULD COME BACK.

BESIDES, I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT JANJIRA IS ALSO HERE.

JANJIIRA?

JANJIHRA!

I CAN FINALLY PUT THAT ALWAYS WATCHFUL AND COLD-BLOODED MIND AWAY.

I WANT TO MELT MY SOUL, FROZEN ON THAT ISLAND... I WANT TO SINK INTO THE HEAT OF HER BODY.

I MAY BE GRATEFUL TO JANCIRA BECAUSE SHE WAS HAPPY ABOUT MY RETURN

AH

AH

AH

AH

BUT I CAN'T LOVE HER AS BEFORE

AH
...

AH
...

AH
...

THE TIME IN THE HELL OF THE ZOMBIE-ISLAND HAD WRECKED MY BODY AND SOUL..

...
AND LEFT ONLY A MERE SKELETON BEHIND!

I CAN'T GET RID OF THIS SENSELESS MIND!

I CAN'T FIND PEACE ANYMORE.

!

I CAN'T GAIN ANYTHING FROM THIS SUPERFICIAL HAPPINESS

COME TO ME, TOSHIO...!

TOSHIO... YOUR EYE...?!

WON'T YOU WISH ME LUCK?

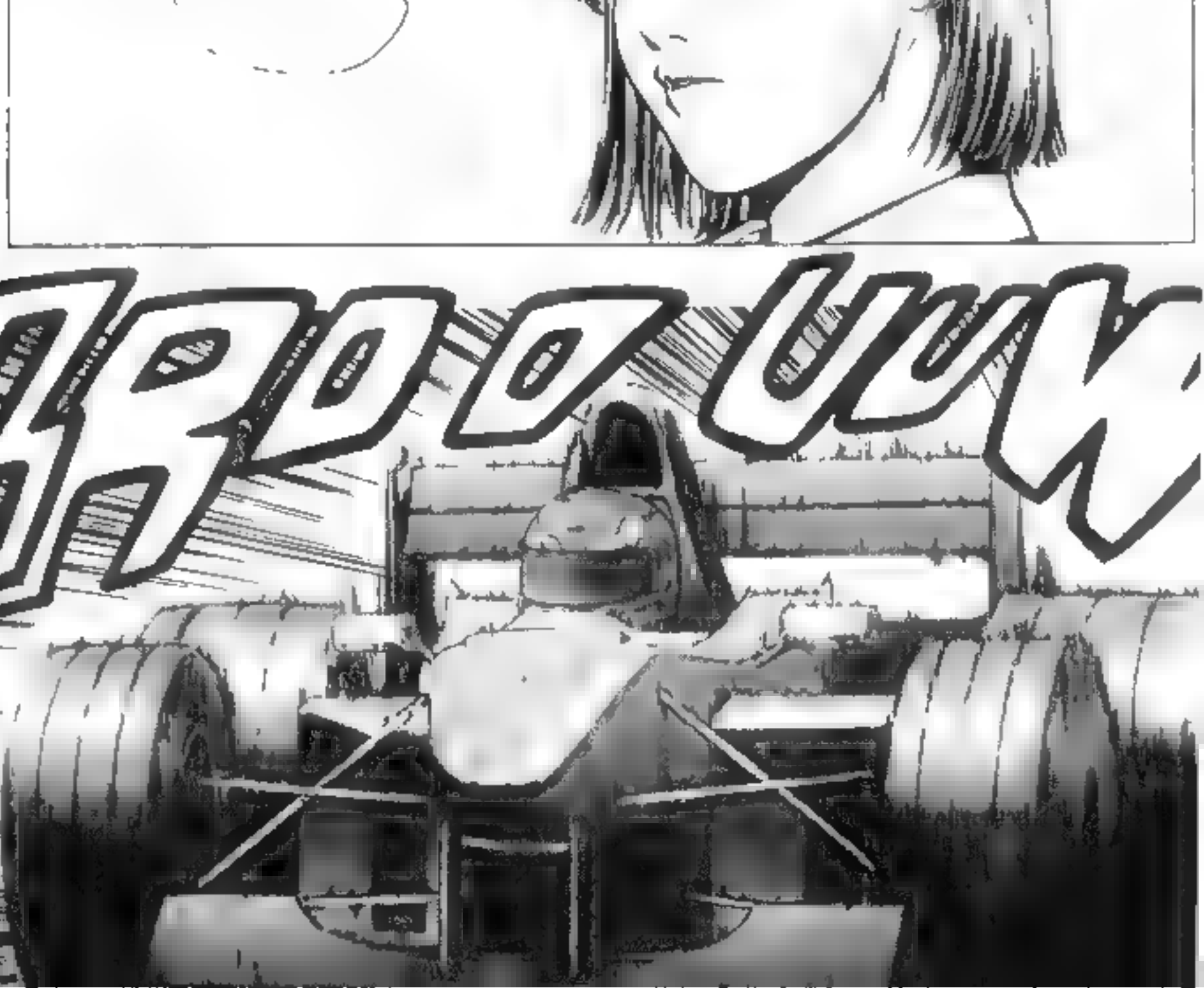
TAKE CARE!

DON'T WORRY. IT'S ONLY A TEST DRIVE. JUST A FORMALITY!

...AND DID YOU FORGET THAT I AM THE INVUL-NERABLE "TIGER RACER"?

YOUR YOUNG BROTHER JUST CLIMBED OUT OF HELL...

I WILL CALL YOU AND TELL YOU THE RESULTS.



BREAK!

MY WHOLE BODY IS BURNING HOT... BUT MY MIND IS PERFECTLY COOL.

I DIDN'T LOSE THE SLIGHTEST TECHNIQUE, ON THE CONTRARY I STILL HAVE POTENTIAL.

THE TENSION IS EVEN COMFORTABLE.

Marlboro

A MIND-BLOWING TIME! YOU ARE THE TIGER AFTER ALL!

BUT NOT AN EASY TIGER! A HUMAN EATING DEVIL-TIGER!

YAMA

BEBOP

YUKIKO IS NOT HOME? CAN'T BE!?

DRRRR

DRRRR

FINAL

DRRRR

DRRRR

DRRRR

JUST OUT OF THE PLANE AND ALREADY HAVE AN INTERVIEW IN THE OFFICE.

I STILL HAVE SOME-THING TO SAY TO YOU.

WELL, WHAT DO YOU SAY?

FINA

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ZOMBIE HUNTER

KAZUMASA HIRAI

YANG KYUNG-IL

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